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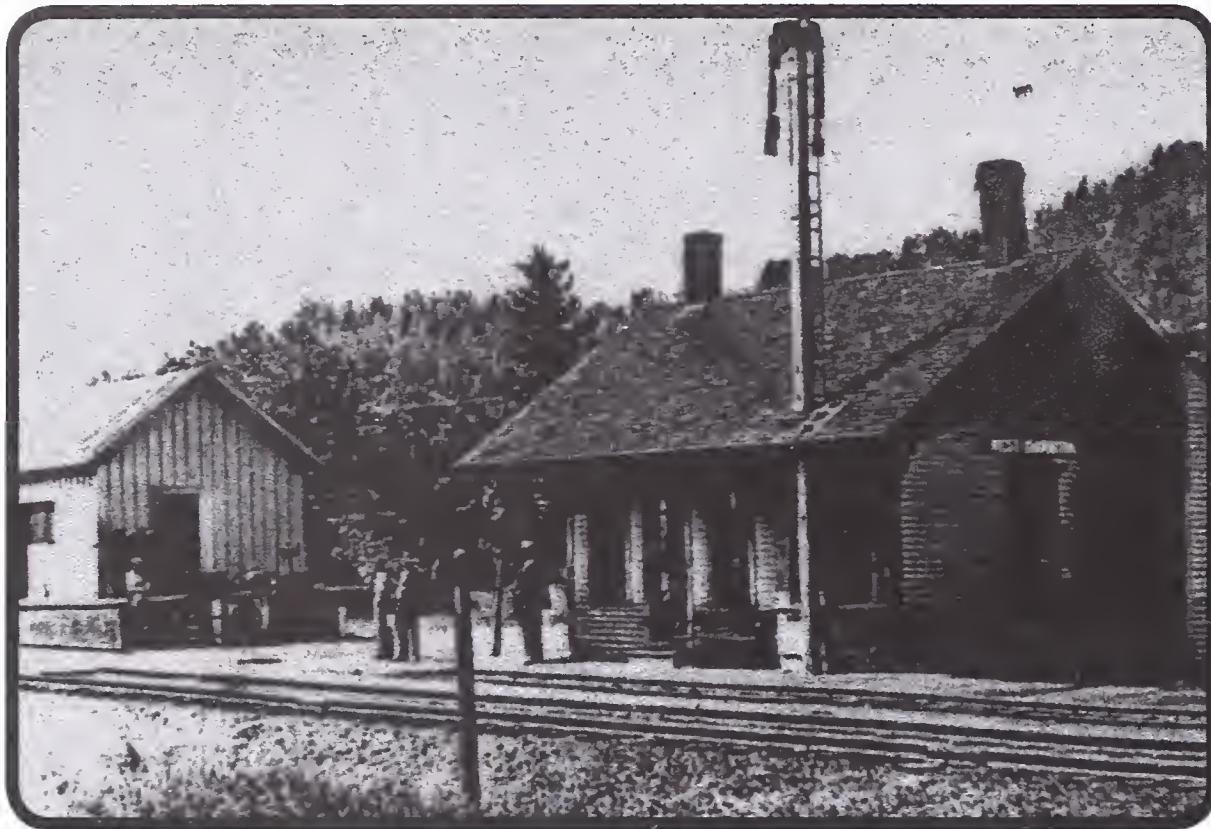
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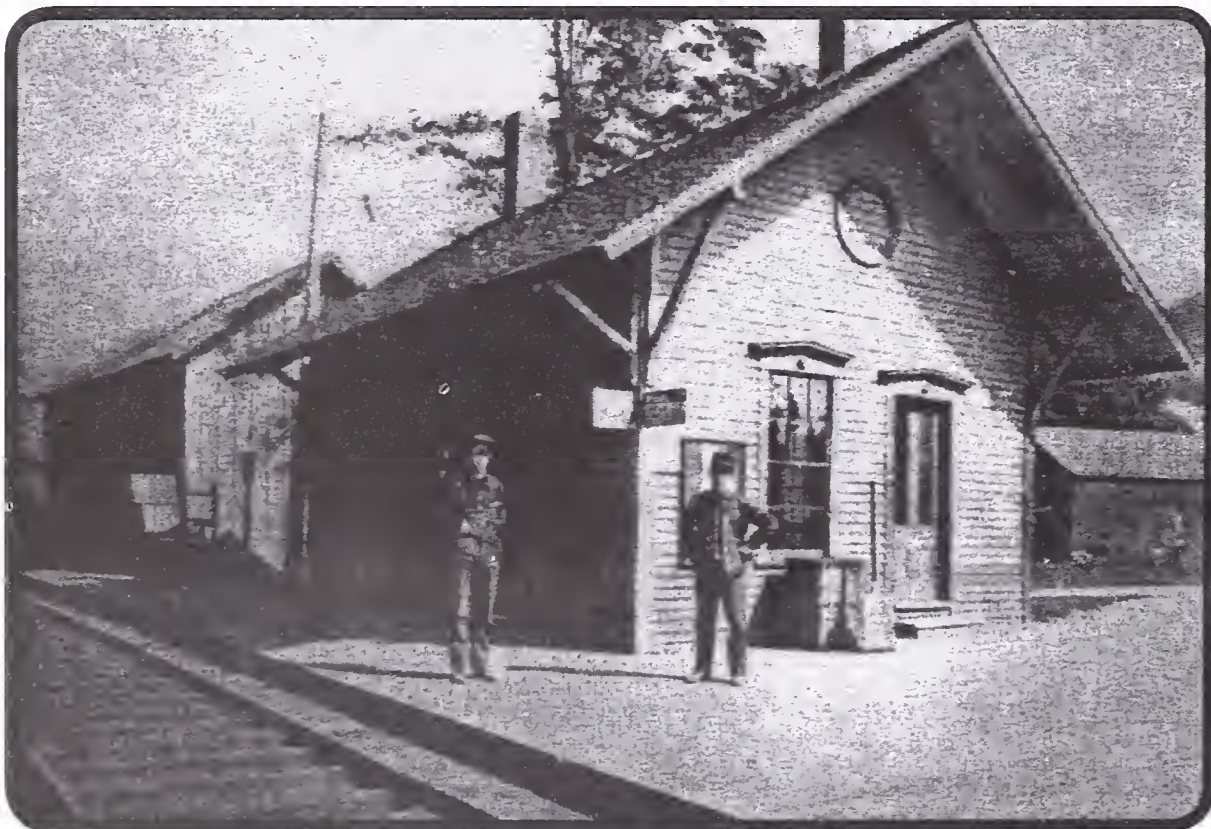
*The Outlook, Thornton, NH - Mrs. Lizzie M. Ham, Prop.,
today it is known as the Ham Farm.*

For the fiscal year ending
December 31, 2008

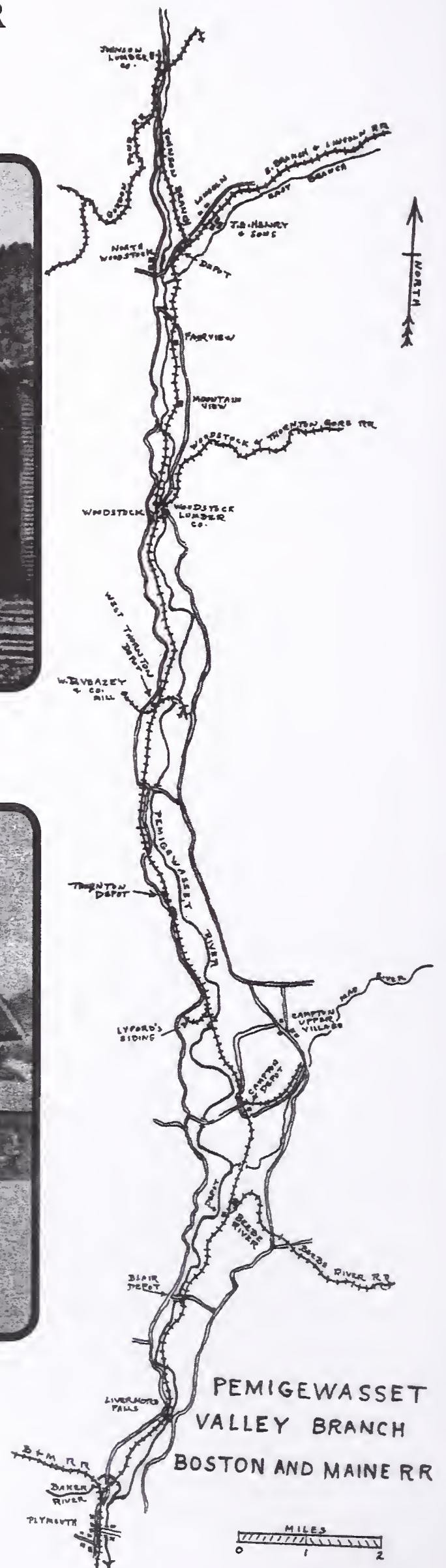
Pemigewasset Valley Branch Boston and Maine RR today known as State of NH RR.



The West Thornton depot on a hot summer day.



The station agent at the Woodstock depot is expecting an arrival.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE OFFICERS
FOR THE

TOWN OF THORNTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2008

THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2008 was a very prosperous year for the Thornton Historical Society.

We sent out one edition of our newsletter that included a membership drive. Once again, the response was very positive. Thank you Marilyn Slade, Barbara Sellingham, Sally and Giff Kriebel for helping me put it together. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who contributed to the Society this past year.

The Society had two successful fund raisers in addition to the newsletter - Benton's White Mountain Boogie and Blues Festival in August and the fifth annual Old Home Day in September.

The Board of Selectmen has been negotiating with the abutting landowners to the Town House to purchase a parcel of land south of the building for a parking lot for the ball field. The Historical Society is now in a position to pay half the price of the land to help defray expenses for our taxpayers. We have made such an offer to the Board. Once this is completed, we hope to get a lease on the building from the town and rehabilitate it for use as a Town Museum that can be opened to the public.

On September 13, 2008, the Old Home Day celebration was held on the field at Benton's Sugar Shack Campground. What a day! There was music from the ever popular 12 th NH Regiment Serenade Band playing Civil War era tunes on period instruments. The parade was the best one yet. Deb Reynolds, Senator for this district, carried the colors; Gloria Kimball rode an old bicycle, she was joined by Mr. Gabbeitt and his two sons who had ridden their bicycles to the celebration; a group of students from Thornton Central School came next; David Bradley, Jim Demeritt, Lester Bradley, Russ Gilman, Donnie Gilman and Jerol Benton drove antique tractors; Luther Haartz, Karl Haartz, Brad Benton and Joel Haartz drove antique cars; the Campton Thornton Fire Department drove an engine and the ambulance; the Woodstock Fire Department drove an engine and the ladder truck; Morgan Gilpatrick rode her pony; The Thornton Police Department towed the CERT trailer and Lee Freeman drove his steers, Clayton and Spencer. Jim Stafursky had a honey bee exhibit which was very informational and interesting. There was a lady demonstrating how to spin yarn from wool. The Country Cow Restaurant provided the food and drinks. Mad River Tents provided the big tent, tables and chairs for us. There were games, relays, craft projects as well as the popular fishing derby for the young folks. The Historical Society had a silent auction and sold raffle tickets for many wonderful articles donated by area merchants, to whom we are ever so grateful, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

We thank the Benton Family for allowing us to use this beautiful field for our Old Home Day. The Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month, April through November at 7:00 PM in the Thornton Town Hall. We are lining up some programs for 2009. In 2008, we provided free programs at four of our meetings. Jim Stafursky, our local bee keeper, gave a wonderful talk in June. In July, August and October we had excellent presentations from the Humanities to Go program sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully submitted -Gloria Kimball, President

THE TOWN OF THORNTON HAS DEDICATED THIS REPORT TO THOMAS E. ANDERSON



Thomas E. Anderson moved to Thornton with his wife and children in **1965**. Tom and his wife Dorothy owned and operated Anderson Bakery in Plymouth. While running his business he managed to find time to dedicate 30 years of service as a Member of the Thornton Planning Board, 20 years as a Member of the Thornton Board of Selectmen, he was a Member of the Thornton Conservation Commission and a Member of the Pemi River Advisory Committee. Tom and his wife Dorothy have recently retired to travel around our countryside.

Tom, Thank-you for your loyal dedication and devotion to the people of Thornton.

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TOWN OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Board of Selectmen

Arthur L. Gross, Chairman
Vincent Parziale
Roy Sabourn

Town/Clerk Tax Collector

Susan Lyons
Barbara Sellingham, Deputy
Wendy Johnston, Deputy

Treasurer

Susan Dumont

Town Office

Tammie Beaulieu, Administrator
Marianne Peabody
Mary Conn

Highway Department

Tom Dubey, Road Agent
George Cheney
Timothy Collins
James Sanborn Jr.

Overseer of Public Welfare

Marianne Peabody
Health Officer
Marianne Peabody

Emergency Management

Board of Selectmen
Steve Medaglia, CCC/CERT

Moderator

Robert Gannett

Supervisors of the Checklist

Cynthia McAuley, Chairman
Mary Pelchat
Carolyn Piantedosi

Library

Selena Cate, Director
Susi Bigl, Assistant
Jessica Collins, Aide

Library Trustees

Laura Laufenburg, Chairman
Anita Ross
Diane Gravel

Trustees of Trust Funds

Rebecca Rodgers Sally Davis
Rebecca Farnsworth
Flora Boyce

Superintendent of Cemeteries

Bradford Benton

Budget Committee

Ron Jansen
David Lewis
John Carpenter

Police Department

Walter Joyce, Chief
Jack Foley, Lieutenant
Rod Diamond
Mark Jones
Patrick Wetmore

Casino Clogston

Charles Gridley
Sandra Moulton

Fire Chief

David Tobine

Fire Commissioners

James Demeritt
Todd Baldwin

Transfer/Recycling Center

David Hilliard, Manager
Don Howe
Gary Moulton
Luigi Zanellato
Kevin McGuire

Conservation Commission

Sally Davis, Chairman
Steve Shaughnessy
Timmee Whitmore

Planning Board

Barry Van DeMoere, Chairman
Beverly MacIntosh
Tyler Phillips
Russell Gilman
Bart Dutto
Carolyn Piantedosi

Alternates

Fred Gunter
Frank Freeman
Charles Bourret

Zoning Board of Adjustment

James Demeritt, Chairman
Dennis Day
David Gravel
Gifford Kriebel
Harry George
Charles Bourret

Capital Improvement Plan

Cynthia Scholfield, Chairman

Ron Jansen

Cemetery Trustees

Phyllis Holbrook
Katherine Leland
Duncan Booth

**TOWN OF THORNTON
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 15, 2008**

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Municipal Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008 at 8:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following subjects: The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots to be cast at 1:00 PM.

To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

Selectman for 3 years – Roy Sabourn
Moderator for 2 years – Robert Gannett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years – Susan Lyons
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years – Katherine Leland
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years – Rebecca Farnsworth
Library Trustee for 3 years – Laura Laufenberg
Overseer of Public Welfare for 1 year – Marianne Peabody
Two Planning Board Members for 3 years – Thomas E. Anderson, Russell Gilman
One Planning Board Members for 2 years – Bartholomew Dutto

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

Amendment No. 1

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article VI Basic Development Requirements

A. Conventional Development

2. Location of Structures - change to read:

Any building or additions shall be set back at least 25 feet from any state, local or private highway/road right-of-way. A setback of 15 feet is required from any other boundary line, except that a 15 foot setback is required from the edge of any public or private non highway or non road right-of-way.

No less than 70 feet of open space shall be provided between multiple family dwellings or additions thereto and multiple family dwellings shall be set back at least 35 feet from any boundary line. Not less than 30 feet of

open space shall be provided between single family homes. There shall be a minimum of a 10 foot setback from the edge of a driveway to any boundary line.

Passed 305 Yes 141 No

Amendment No. 2

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article VI Basic Development Requirements

A. Cluster Development

2. Location of Structures – change to read:

Any building or additions shall be set back at least 25 feet from any state, local or private highway/road right-of-way. A setback of 15 feet is required from any other boundary line, except that a 15-foot setback is required from the edge of any public or private non highway or non road right-of-way.

At least 50 feet of open space shall be provided between multiple family dwellings. Final road locations, driveway locations, dwellings location etc. will be reviewed by the Planning Board under the category of innovative land use per RSA 674:21.

Passed 295 Yes 148 No

Amendment No. 3

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article VI Basic Development Requirements

B. Recreational Zones Development – East & West

2. Location of Structures – change to read:

Any building or additions shall be setback at least 25 feet from any state, local or private highway/road right-of-way. A setback of 15 feet is required from any other boundary line, except that a 15-foot setback is required from the edge of any public or private non highway or non road right-of-way.

No less than 50 feet of open space shall be provided between multiple family dwellings. Final road locations, driveway locations, dwelling locations, relief from strict conformity from setback requirements, etc. are subject to approval by the Planning Board under the category of innovative land use per RSA 674:21 during the site review process.

Passed 289 Yes 140 No

Amendment No. 4

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article III Definitions

“Dwelling” – Add to read:

- A. “Dwelling” means a building or portion of a building containing any number of rooms designed for use by one family or group as a single housekeeping unit. *A dwelling is any building lived in continuously for six or more months where “continuous” is defined as a time not interrupted by more than one month.*

Passed 302 Yes 116 No

Amendment No. 5

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article VIII – Board of Adjustment

Add to read:

- A. The Board of Adjustment shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. *The terms of members shall be for three years. Terms shall begin in March. The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint up to five alternates. Alternates shall serve in the absence of regular members or when regular members need to recuse themselves.*

Passed 312 Yes 106 No

Amendment No. 6

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article VIII – Board of Adjustment

Change to read:

- #8. Within the spirit and intent of B1 through 7 above, the Board of Adjustment may grant Special Exceptions for businesses in the Residential Zones

Add:

- Production and sale of locally produced crafts and goods.

Passed – 278 Yes 142 No

Amendment No. 7

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article X. Notice of Intent to Build

A. Add:

- A. The owner of any real estate who plans to construct a new building *or an addition to an existing building*, before commencing such construction, must file a form prescribed by the Selectmen defining the nature of the proposed
B. construction.

Passed – 268 Yes 156 No

Amendment No. 8

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article X. Notice of Intent to Build

Add. D.

- D. When a building or addition is to be constructed within twice the setback limits, the constructor shall have the “as built” location verified once the footings have been laid. This shall be done prior to any further construction. Failure to do so waives the owner’s right to claim hardship in requesting an area variance for location of structure. Production of “as built” does not imply an area variance will be granted.

Passed 226 Yes 151 No

Amendment No. 9

“ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows.”

Article VI Basic Development Requirements

B. Cluster Development

Change to read:

In general, Cluster Development shall be considered only on parcels of land exceeding five acres; however, the Planning Board shall have the authority, pursuant to RSA 674:21, to adopt regulations and grant waivers in appropriate cases for Cluster Development. In general, the following apply:

1. **Lot Size** – The basic requirements of one acre per dwelling remains and “qualifying” acreage must be contiguous, *but not necessarily to each lot within the development*. Lot sizes for individual building lots within a cluster development *shall be generally* less than one acre in size. The overall qualifying acreage shall average a minimum of one acre per dwelling with the open space or undeveloped land “dedicated” as such on the relative deeds and drawings.

Passed 251 Yes 128 No

Amendment #10

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:

Article III Definitions

Add

J. “Qualifying Acreage” is the land used in Cluster Developments to satisfy the requirements of one acre per dwelling. Such acreage must be contiguous but not necessarily with each lot within the development.

Passed 245 Yes 131 No

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 15th day of March 2008 at the Thornton Central School.

Moderator Robert Gannett called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Those seated at the head table were as follows: Arthur Gross, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Vincent Parziale, Selectman, Roy Sabourn, Selectman, Candace Andrew, Town Administrator, Barbara Sellingham, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Selectman Sabourn asked for a moment of silence in memory Of Alton Benton who passed away on March 11, 2008 Alton served as a member of the Board of Selectmen many years and most recently was Road Agent. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him .

Motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant was made and seconded. No discussion – Motion passed – Voice Vote

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – no discussion- Passed – Voice Vote

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars **(\$10,000)** to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – Passed – Voice Vote

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars **(\$1,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – Discussion ensued as to the correct title of the applicable Capital reserve fund. Motion was made and seconded to table this article. Motion to Table was moved and seconded. Passed – Voice Vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred dollars **(\$38,500)** to be added to the existing Bridge Repairs & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. Discussion followed . It was explained that the most Critical bridge in need of repair or possible replacement is the Covered Bridge and the Woods at Mill Brook. It is expected that this project will be quite costly and Will need to be addressed within the next few years. The Selectmen wish to at Least set some money aside for this purpose.

Article passes – Voice Vote

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars **(\$1,000)** to be added to the existing Transfer Station Major Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article moved and seconded. No discussion – Passes – Voice Vote

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars **(\$10,000)** to be added to the existing Emergency Road Repair Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – Passes – Voice Vote

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars **(\$20,000)** to be added to the existing Paving Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. Passes – Voice Vote

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars **(\$30,000)** to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – Explained by the Selectmen than the town is due for a total revaluation within the next few years. Last revel cost was in excess of \$1000,000.00.

Passes – Voice Vote

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Landfill Closure Monitoring Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Hundred dollars **(\$500)** to be placed in said account and

further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend these funds. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded- Discussion as to why this is a separate article and not simply a line item in the budget. Selectmen preferred as separate article.

Article passed – Voice Vote

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Mill Brook Road Construction & Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be placed in said account and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend these funds. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. Major replacement and repairs are going to be necessary as Mill Brook road was never intended to carry today's traffic. Motion to move the vote until after Article 19 has been decided. Motion to move the vote moved and seconded.

Motion to move the vote until after Article 19 approved by show of hands:

62 Yes 30 No

Article 10 – reintroduced – after the defeat of Article 19.

Article moved and seconded. No discussion- Passed – Voice Vote

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 3-year lease-purchase arrangement for the purchase of a 2008 Police Cruiser in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (\$22,500), and to raise and appropriate the amount of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (**\$7,500**) to fund the first payment and further to appropriate the amount of Two Thousand, Five Hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) for the purchase and installation of replacement equipment. This lease agreement shall contain a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required)

Article moved and seconded – Chief Joyce explained this is to replace a cruiser the sum of \$2500.00 is needed because the new cruiser will require retro fitting the existing equipment from the existing cruiser. He also stated he had shopped various dealers and found this to be the best price for the vehicle.

Article passed – Voice Vote

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Six Thousand, Four Hundred dollars (**\$6,400**) for the purchase of a defibrillator for the ambulance. This represents Thornton's portion only. A like article will be placed on the Campton warrant. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. Chief Tobine address this article. Explaining that the rescue vehicle currently does not have a difribulator. He would like to purchase the new equipment to be place in the ambulance and move the current equipment from the ambulance to the rescue vehicle.

Article Passes – Voice Vote

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Hundred dollars (**\$500**) to support a request from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). (Majority vote required).

Article Moved and Seconded. This is the first year the Town Has received a request from CASA which is why it appears on The warrant. Speakers voiced their support and felt it was a worthwhile cause.

Article passes – voice vote

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Three Hundred dollars **(\$300)** to support a request from Lakes Region community Services. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – This was the first time in several years the town has received a request from Lakes Region. Several speakers spoke in support of the organization and noted that for the most part it is a State funded organization.

Article passes – Voice Vote

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Hundred dollars **(\$500)** to support a request from CADY (Communities for Alcohol & Drug Free Youth). (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded – Discussion followed by residents familiar with CADY. It was thought to be by some, very similar to the work ADAPT does which the town already supports quite substantially.

Article did not pass –Voice Vote

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Hundred dollars **(\$500)** to support a request from Genesis Behavioral Health. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. This was the first year the town has received a request from Genesis. Some discussion followed regarding the mission of this organization.

Article Passes – Show of Hands

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Five Thousand dollars **(\$35,000)** to cover engineering fees for the repair/replacement of the covered bridge on Covered Bridge Road. (Majority vote required)

Article moved and seconded. Article Passes – Voice Vote

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Two Million, Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Twelve dollars **(\$2,322,912)** to support town operations for the 2008-year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. There was discussion mostly concerning line items within the Highway department budget. After extensive questions being asked and answered, motion was made to move the question.

Motion to move the question – seconded. Passed voice vote

Vote on Article – Show of Hands – 60 Yes 37 No – Article passes

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Scenic Roads classification on Mill Brook Road, Thornton Gore Road and Upper Mad River Road. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. There was a great deal of discussion both for and against this article. The Selectmen's reason for its proposal was to make it easier for the town to maintain the roads described. As it stands now, if the Town needs to cut down a tree, a public hearing must be held prior to being able to remove the tree. Some residents felt that it was worth the inconvenience to retain the scenic road designation while others did not. The scenic road classification does not effect property owners along the roads, they may cut any trees on their property Motion was made to move the question. Seconded. Passes – Voice Vote

Vote on Article 19 – Voice Vote – Article 19 does not pass.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Advisory Budget Committee as established in March 1990. (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. The reason for this article is that for the past few years, despite Numerous attempts to advertise the need for residents to serve, no one has come forward to volunteer. Motion made and seconded to table this article for one more year with the hope that Volunteers may be found this year.

Vote on motion to table Article 20 – Passes – Voice Vote

Article 21: To see if the Town of Thornton will accept Fondue Ave at the Town Meeting in March 2008. (This article submitted by petition). (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Article 21 amended to read as follows:
To see if the Town of Thornton will accept Fondue Avenue at the Town meeting in March, 2008
Contingent upon road having been built in accordance with Thornton Planning Board subdivision Regulations and approval by the Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen.

Amended Article moved and Seconded. Amendment to Article 21 Passes – Voice Vote
Amended Article 21 Moved and seconded. Amended Article Passes – Voice Vote

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to require the majority of Selectmen's meetings to be held beginning no earlier than 5:30 pm and no later than 6:30 pm. This requirement to commence immediately and to remain in force unless specifically voted down. (This article submitted by petition). (Majority vote required).

Article moved and seconded. The Selectmen gave their reasons for meeting

Selectmen Parziale has a conflict in scheduling during the evening and all Board members Felt they were fresher and better able to deal with questions of the day. Their meetings usually run Three to four hours which brings them into late evening. The Board also stated that if any member of the public could not meet with them during the morning hours, they would make every effort to Accommodate that person. The Board also noted that since they have been meeting in the morning, there has been no drop off in attendance at the meetings. The same people attend Be it morning or evening.

Motion made an seconded to amend article 22 : Amendment to replace the word "Majority" With the word "all". Vote on amended article 55 Voice Vote – amended article did not pass.

Motion made to amend article 22 to add the following verbiage to the end of Article 22:
"This article to be non-binding and advisory only"

Vote on amended article 22 – Voice Vote – Amendment passes
Vote on Amended Article 22 – PASSES – Voice Vote

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor: Resolved: We the citizens of Thornton, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (This article submitted by petition).

Article moved and seconded. Discussion followed. It was pointed out by a new resident

to town the pitfalls of this article. The bottom line was that although our property taxes Are high, we are still the lowest taxed state per capita. If a sales or income tax is adopted by the State they will find ways of spending these funds on other things and we will still be paying high property taxes.

Vote on Article 23 – Article does not pass – Voice Vote

To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

I would like to make a motion to ask the legislative body, here at Town Meeting, to direct the Selectmen To write a letter to State Rep. Bob Matheson, State Sen. Deb Reynolds, Executive Councilor Ray Burton And the Grafton County Commissioners expressing deep dissatisfaction with the vote to approve the new Grafton County House of Corrections. This vote does not reflect the wishes of the voters of the Town of Thornton. The way in which this vote was approved is also not in the spirit of how our residents feel These votes should transpire. Motion brought forth by Stanley Freeman.

Article moved and seconded. Article passes – Voice Vote

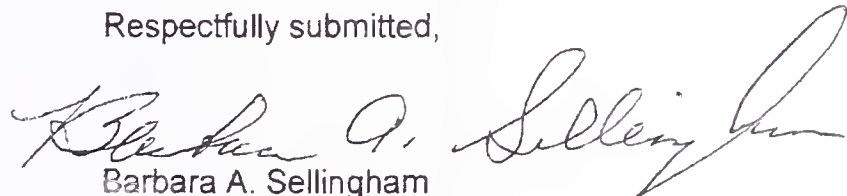
Selectman Gross presented a bouquet of flowers along with a gift to Barbara Sellingham upon her retirement as Town Clerk/Tax Collector! He also extended a welcome to Susan Lyons our newly elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Congratulations to both ladies.

Barbara Patterson announced there would be a Sugar on Snow party at the school this evening. Any volunteers to help set up would be greatly appreciated.

Moderator Gannett asked that any newly elected Town Officials please come forward to be sworn in before leaving the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made and Seconded – Motion passed – Voice Vote.
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Sellingham
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2008 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

Tax Rates

Gross Appropriations	2,505,612		
less: Revenues	(1,489,671)		
less: Shared Revenues	(2,522)		
Add: Overlay	47,866		
War Service Credits	82,600		
Net Town appropriation		1,143,885	
Special Adjustment		0	
Approved Town Tax Effort		1,143,885	
Municipal Tax Rate			3.33
Net Local School Budget			
(Gross Approp.-Revenue)	3,496,787		
Regional School Apportionment	1,522,856		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(437,257)		
State Education Taxes	(810,315)		
Approved School Effort		3,772,071	
Local Education Tax Rate			11.00
State Education Taxes		810,315	
Equalized Value \$335,725,245			
(w/o utilities) x 2.14/1000			2.39
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation			
\$339,745,075 (w/o utilities)			
State Education Tax			
Excess State Education to State		0	
Due to County	551,869		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,959)		
Approved County Tax Effort		549,910	
County Tax Effort			1.60
Tax Rate w/o Precinct			18.32
Total Property Tax Assessed		6,276,181	
Less War Service Credits		(82,600)	
Add: Village District Commitment		202,623	
Total Property Tax Commitment		6,396,204	13.44

Proof of Rate	Net Valuation	Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	339,745,075	2.39	810,315
All Other Taxes	343,012,575	15.93	5,465,866
			<u>6,276,181</u>
Village Precinct	15,076,100	13.44	202,623
War Service Credits			<u>(82,600)</u>
			<u><u>6,396,204</u></u>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS VS. EXPENDITURES**
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

Category	Carried to 2008	2008 Available	2008 Expenditures	Carried to 2009
Executive	-	\$ 118,122	\$ 123,421	
Election & Registrations		60,462	61,256	
Finance and Office Expense		66,889	55,774	
Reappraisal of Property		32,550	23,971	
Legal Expense		7,000	6,827	
Personnel Administration		279,060	273,614	
Planning & Zoning		6,400	6,830	
General Government Building		42,950	49,789	15000
Cemeteries		22,000	21,609	
Insurance		38,136	37,791	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		3,519	3,486	
Contingency, Maps & Perambulation		10,601	3,550	3550
Police Department		331,568	329,341	
Fire Department		283,716	281,816	
Building Inspection		8,000	-	
Emergency Management		2,500	-	
CCC/CERT (carry grant monies)		-	-	
Emergency-Storm Damage		-	-	
Public Safety Other		-	5,717	
911 Expense		1,000	153	
Highways & Bridges		510,885	485,601	6504
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Dist.		2,403	2,402	
Recycling/Transfer Station		373,910	374,277	
Closure Monitoring		2,700	2,573	
Septage Disposal		100	100	
Health Agencies & Hospital		11,392	11,292	
General Assistance/Welfare		34,586	29,451	
Agencies		34,032	34,032	
Parks & Recreation		2,501	2,500	
Library		46,350	43,993	
Patriotic Purposes		500	368	
Conservation Commission		2,200	1,921	
Principal-Long Term Loans		15,000	15,000	
Interest -Long Term Loans		3,178	3,173	
Interest -Tax Anticipation Notes		5,000	-	
Land	2,000	1	-	2000
New Equipment		16,400	15,516	
Buildings & Improvements		1	-	
Cap Outlay Other		-	-	
Capital Reserve-Hwy Equip./Major Maint		10,000	10,000	
Capital Reserve-Police Cruiser & Equip		10,000	10,000	
Capital Reserve-Ambulance & Equip		-	-	
Capital Reserve-Municipal Buildings		-	-	
Capital Reserve-Bridge Repair & Maint		38,500	38,500	
Capital Reserve-Tsf Station Major Mnt/Equip		1,000	1,000	
Capital Reserve- Emergency Road Repairs		10,000	10,000	
Capital Reserve - Paving		20,000	20,000	
Capital Reserve - Assessing		30,000	30,000	
Capital Reserve - Closure Monitor		500	500	
Capital Reserve -Mill Brook Rd Const/Improve		10,000	10,000	
Total	2,000	\$ 2,505,612	\$ 2,437,142.88	\$ 27,054
less amount carried from '07		(7,994)		
2007 Appropriation		\$ 2,497,618		

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
ON DECEMBER 31, 2008

DATE IF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***					
		Balance 1/1/08	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/08	Balance 1/1/08	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance 12/31/08
<u>PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS</u>										
6/8/2001	Thornton School District - Building Improvements	10,000.00			10,000.00	1,896.20	292.42		2,188.62	12,188.62
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>										
1/2/1991 ; Highway Vehicle, Equipment & Major March, 2001 Maintenance		32,000.00	10,000.00		42,000.00	3,804.60	938.78		4,743.38	46,743.38
1/2/1991 ; Fire/Rescue Vehicle, Equipment & Major March, 2001 Maintenance		23,577.09			23,577.09	8,621.22	700.44		9,321.66	32,898.75
7/5/2001 Transfer Station Major Equipment		33,189.43	1,000.00		34,189.43	0.00	821.80		821.80	35,011.23
12/31/2000 Municipal Buildings		30,000.00			30,000.00	2,800.54	806.31		3,606.85	33,606.85
7/27/2005 Police Cruiser & Cruiser Equipment		20,000.00	10,000.00		30,000.00	1,132.95	578.16		1,711.11	31,711.11
8/3/2006 Bridge Repairs & Maintenance		12,000.00	38,500.00		50,500.00	545.23	533.76		1,078.99	51,578.99
8/3/2006 Emergency Road Repair		15,000.00	10,000.00		25,000.00	545.20	440.67		985.87	25,985.87
8/21/2007 Paving		20,000.00	20,000.00		40,000.00	905.34	631.08		1,536.42	41,536.42
8/21/2007 Assessing		30,000.00	30,000.00		60,000.00	545.59	926.49		1,472.08	61,472.08
8/22/2008 Landfill Closure Monitoring		0.00	500.00		500.00	0.00	2.97		2.97	502.97
8/22/2008 Mill Brook Road Construction & Improvement		0.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00	58.48		58.48	10,058.48
TOTAL		225,766.52	130,000.00	0.00	355,766.52	20,796.87	6,731.36	0.00	27,528.23	383,294.75

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
ON DECEMBER 31, 2008

NAME OF TRUST FUND	***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***		
	Balance 1/1/08	New Funds Created	Cash Gains Securities	Balance 12/31/08	Balance 1/1/08	Amount Expended Balance 12/31/08
<u>PERMANENT FUNDS</u>						
Perpetual care funds in Fidelity stock and Capital gains in bank CDs	20,001.09	0.00	16.80	20,017.89	77.34	581.92 77.34 20,095.23
W. Lee Trust for general care MRC Fidelity stock and Capital gains in CDs	8,107.75	0.00	0.00	8,107.75	0.00	305.88 0.00 8,107.75
W. Lee Trust for Thornton Library Fidelity stock and Capital gains in CDs	8,107.75	0.00	0.00	8,107.75	0.00	305.88 0.00 8,107.75
Perpetual care funds bank deposits	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	698.21	305.35 281.92 7,721.64
Town Cemetery Maintenance Trust Lot Sales, Income for general care	25,125.00	1,950.00	0.00	27,075.00	0.00	1,178.11 1,178.11 27,075.00
I. Ham Memorial Trust for Library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	40.84 0.00 1,000.00
C. Ham Memorial Trust for Library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	40.84 0.00 1,000.00
Jeanne Robbins Memorial Trust, Income to reduce taxes	146,688.38	0.00	0.00	146,688.38	0.00	5.00 0.00 146,688.38
TOTAL	217,029.97	1,950.00	16.80	218,996.77	775.55	2,763.82 2,740.39 219,795.75

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DECEMBER 31, 2008

Parcel ID	Location	Acres	Description	Assessed Value
10-3-39	2129 NH Rte 175	1.00	Old Town House	163,300
10-3-54	NH Rte 175	2.00	Crawford Field	76,600
10-3-55	NH Rte 175	7.00	Pine Grove Cemetery	171,200
10-9-6	Peaked Hill Rd	0.03	I-93 ROW	2,800
10-12-1	12 Merrill Access Rd	1.05	Fire House	128,700
10-12-6	3225 US Rte 3	13.03	Highway Garage	250,700
10-12-7	16 Merrill Access Rd	1.21	Municipal Building	428,800
11-1-6	1886 NH Rte 175	6.00	Thornton Central School	51,200
11-1-7	1900 NH Rte 175	4.00	Thornton Central School	6,128,400
11-4-16A	Mill Brook Rd	0.16	Corner ROW	20,900
15-2-1	Adams Farm Rd	3.67	I-93 ROW	30,500
15-2-24	US Rte 3		Hanson Cemetery	100
16-1-6	1629 NH Rte 175	7.07	Transfer Station	82,700
16-1-6A	NH Rte 175	13.18	Transfer Station-Wells	86,800
16-1-6B	NH Rte 175	3.50	Transfer Station-Wells	60,600
16-4-31	Wallace Dr	0.40	Tax Deeded ROW	32,100
17-7-70	Upper Mad River Rd		Mad River Cemetery	100
17-17-30	Snowood Dr	1.00	Tax deeded parcel	14,900
8-3-9	3374 US Rte 3	3.50	Tax deeded parcel	202,000
10-1-3-3	Birch Bend Dr	24.90	Tax deeded parcel	53,700
13-5-4D3	849 Upper Mad River Rd	0.00	Tax deeded parcel	131,000
16-7-48	LT7 Bear Ridge Rd	5.20	Tax deeded parcel	38,200
			Total Assessed Value	8,155,300

TOWN OF THORNTON COMPARATIVE VIEW OF TAX RATES FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

Unit of Government	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Municipal	3.33	3.12	3.06	2.51	2.62
School- Local Funding	11	9.26	8.64	8.54	8.85
School- State Ed Fund	2.39	2.28	2.34	2.27	2.25
County	1.6	1.46	1.20	1.24	1.21
Combined Town Rate	18.32	16.12	15.24	14.56	14.93
Waterville Estates Village District	13.44	13.83	13.87	15.36	18.35

Unit of Government	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Municipal	4.58	3.83	4.77	5.57	5.79
School- Local Funding	11.34	9.64	10.57	9.53	7.89
School- State Ed Fund	4.72	5.00	6.50	6.45	6.57
County	1.70	1.51	1.74	1.56	1.55
Combined Town Rate	22.34	19.98	23.58	23.11	21.80
Waterville Estates Village District	23.73	21.62	26.93	27.38	23.87

The Town of Thornton would like to Thank Barbara Sellingham
for her many years of service and dedication as the Town's Town
Clerk/Tax Collector.

Be assured that Barbara will continue to be involved with the
Town's Historical Society.

It won't be the same without her but we hope that she will enjoy
her well-deserved retirement.



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2008

Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	\$393419.47
Vital Statistics	1071.00
UCC Filings	499.50
Dog License Fees	1823.50
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>91.00</u>
Total Town Clerk Fees	\$396904.47

Respectfully submitted,



Unaudited

Susan M. Lyons
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Cash on hand January 1, 2008

Checking	\$99,508.64
Money Market	<u>\$585,844.88</u>

\$685,353.52

Receipts:

Selectmen	\$706,235.60
Tax Collector	\$6,182,791.91
Town Clerk	\$396,940.47
NHPDIP General Fund	\$2,355,000.00
NHPDIP Landfill	\$1,219.92
Pemi National Bank Interest	<u>\$7,127.06</u>

\$9,649,314.96

Payments:

Selectmen	-\$7,303,878.95
Transfer to NHPDIP	<u>-\$2,050,000.00</u>

Balance on December 31, 2008

Checking	\$162,904.47
Money Market	<u>\$817,885.06</u>

\$980,789.53

\$980,789.53

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
NHPDIP GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Cash on hand January 1, 2008	\$1,305,892.00
Receipts:	
Interest	\$19,700.34
Contributions	\$2,050,000.00
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>-\$2,355,000.00</u>
Balance on December 31, 2008	\$1,020,592.34

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
LANDFILL/CLOSURE BOND
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Cash on hand January 1, 2008	\$7,228.14
Receipts:	
Interest	\$150.21
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>-\$1,219.92</u>
Balance on December 31, 2008	\$6,158.43

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
CONSERVATION FUND
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Balance on December 1, 2008	\$1,500.49
Receipts:	
Interest	\$11.24
Deposits	\$1,500.00
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Balance on December 31, 2008	\$3,011.73

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
HUBBARD BROOK RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
ESCROW ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Balance on January 1, 2008	\$1,502.75
Receipts:	
Interest	\$2.74
Withdrawals:	
May Distribution	-\$1,500.00
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Balance on December 31, 2008	\$5.49

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
WATERVILLE BIRCHES LLC
ESCROW ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Balance on December 1. 2008	\$118,085.69
 Receipts:	
Interest	\$7.28
 Withdrawals:	
To Close January 10, 2008	<u>-\$118,092.97</u>
 Balance on December 31, 2008	 \$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

SUMMARY OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES 2008

DATE	AMOUNT BORROWED	PAID	BALANCE
1/1/08 Balance Carried Forward			\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/31/08 Remaining balance			\$0.00

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Due to School Districts 1/1/08	\$ 2,026,618
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Less:

Payments: 1/1/08-6/30/08

Thornton Central School	\$ 1,276,156	
Pemi-Baker Regional School District	750,462	

Plus:

07/09 School Appropriations

Thornton Central School	\$ 3,184,186	
Pemi-Baker Regional School District	1,398,200	
Total 06/08 Schools Appropriation		4,582,386.00

Less:

Payments: 6/1/08-12/31/08

Thornton Central School	\$ 1,500,000	
Pemi-Baker Regional School District	600,000	

Balance Due School Districts 12/31/08	\$ 2,482,386
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS THROUGH
December 31, 2008

ACCOUNT NUMBER			CATEGORY TOTAL
2230-10	Tax Anticipation Notes		-
3110-10	Warrants: Property Tax - Current Year	\$ 6,396,204.00 (Town Portion)	1,143,885.00
	Less Overlay for abatements/deeded property	-	(47,866.00)
3120-10	Land Use Change		-
3185-10	Yield Tax - Current Year		4,727.82
3186-10	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		22,270.00
3188-13	Excavation Activity Tax		1,159.64
3191-10	Interest & Costs: Property Tax - Current Year	\$ 10,788.22	
3191-11	Property Tax - Previous Year	43,223.50	
3191-12	Property Tax - Liens	56,059.42	
3191-13	Excavation Tax	-	
3192-10	Land Use Change	1,300.32	
3198-00	Yield Tax	3.37	
			111,374.83
3220-10	Vehicle Registration Fee		392,974.19
3290-10	Dog License Fees	1,813.00	
3290-20	Vital Statistics	1,093.00	
3290-25	UCC Filings	484.00	
3290-60	Planning/Zoning - Fees	6,609.13	
3290-61	Planning Board - Regulations	-	
3290-70	Land Use Change - Application Fee	-	
			9,999.13
3230-10	Building Permit Fees		6,630.33
3351-10	NH Shared Revenue		12,296.00
3352-10	NH Room & Meals		95,681.66
3353-10	NH Highway Block Grant		84,238.27
3359-10	Other State Grants & Reimbursement		33,690.51
3379-10	Recycle/Landfill - Town Reimbursements		202,232.37
3404-10	Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Charges	27,229.50	
3404-20	Recycling Income	39,812.43	
3404-30	Ambulance Service	26,519.64	
			93,561.57
3504-10	Police Fines and Fees		9,195.68
3501-10	Sale of Municipal Property		9,745.16
3509-20	Interest - Money Market	7,127.06	
3509-21	Interest - NHPDIP	19,850.55	
			26,977.61
3509-30	Copy Machine Income	626.09	
3509-35	Health/Dental Insurance Contribution	19,759.45	
3910-10	Miscellaneous Revenue/Reimb	46,253.44	
3910-11	Fire Department Reimbursement	5,925.42	
3910-12	CCC/CERT-Volunteer NH	-	
			72,564.40
3912-00	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund		-
3915-30	Transfers from Capital Reserves		-
3916-10	Transfer from Trust Funds		-
	Fund Balance used to reduce tax burden		347,686.00
	2008 Revenues		<u>\$ 2,633,024.17</u>

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ACCT #	2008 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Exp to 12/31/08	Balance Available
4130		EXECUTIVE		
4130-10	11,400	PAYROLL - SELECTMEN	11,400.00	
4130-25	54,312	PAYROLL - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	53,761.05	
4130-40	38,670	PAYROLL - PLANNING/ADMIN SUPPORT	37,359.08	
4130-45	11,740	PAYROLL-OVERTIME/PART-TIME	15,877.28	
4130-50	500	MODERATOR	500.00	
4130-60	1,500	EXPENSES FOR SELECTMEN	4,524.38	
	118,122	TOTAL EXECUTIVE (4130)	123,421.79	-5,300
4140		ELECTION, REGISTRATION		
4140-10	40,662	PAYROLL -TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	43,247.93	
4140-11	12,000	PAYROLL - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	10,679.49	
4140-19	1,800	OTHER TOWN CLERK EXP	1,742.38	
4140-25	6,000	ELECTION EXPENSES	5,585.85	
	60,462	TOTAL ELECTION, REGISTRATIONS (4140)	61,255.65	-794
4150		FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
4150-15	500	COLLECTION EXPENSES	475.63	
4150-20	4,586	PAYROLL - TREASURER	4,586.00	
4150-30	1,200	TRUSTEES	1,200.00	
4150-40	16,500	AUDITING	17,380.00	
4150-50	9,970	OFFICE EXPENSE - SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	8,394.76	
4150-51	4,800	OFFICE EXPENSE - TELEPHONE	4,653.38	
4150-52	575	OFFICE EXPENSE - BANK SERVICE CHARGE	330.00	
4150-53	13,196	OFFICE EXPENSE - COMPUTER CHARGES	4,782.00	
4150-54	4,100	OFFICE EXPENSE - TOWN REPORTS	4,073.63	
4150-55	1,360	OFFICE EXPENSE - EQUIPMENT RENTALS	1,469.88	
4150-56	2,152	OFFICE EXPENSE - DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,177.94	
4150-57	6,000	OFFICE EXPENSE - POSTAGE	4,424.09	
4150-58	1,950	TRAINING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,826.77	
	66,889	TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (4150)	55,774.08	11,115
4152		PROPERTY VALUES		
4152-10	17,250	UPDATE OF PROPERTY VALUES	7,877.40	
	15,300	PICKUPS (BLDG PMTS/DEMOLITIONS)	16,093.25	
	32,550	TOTAL REEVALUATIONS OF PROPERTY (4152)	23,970.65	8,579
		LEGAL EXPENSE		
4153-10	7,000	TOTAL LEGAL (4153)	6,826.65	173
4155		PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
4155-10	92,785	FICA & RETIREMENT	100,182.62	
4155-20	186,275	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	173,431.73	
	279,060	TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIONS (4155)	273,614.35	5,446
4191		PLANNING & ZONING		
4191-20	2,300	PLANNING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS	3,310.35	
4191-21	1,200	PLANNING BOARD - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MAINT	360.00	
4191-22	200	PLANNING BOARD - TRAINING	269.00	
4191-30	800	PLANNING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES	1,842.51	
	4,500	TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING (4191)	5,781.86	-1,282

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ACCT #	2008 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Exp to 12/31/08	Balance Available
4192		PLANNING & ZONING		
4192-20	700	ZONING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS	842.51	
4192-22	200	ZONING BOARD - TRAINING	-	
4192-30	1,000	ZONING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES	206.00	
	<u>1,900</u>	TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING (4192)	<u>1,048.51</u>	851
4194		GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
4194-10	3,300	GOVT BUILDINGS - CUSTODIAL	3,184.00	
4194-20	5,500	GOVT BUILDINGS - GAS	3,256.08	
4194-30	7,000	GOVT BUILDINGS - UTILITIES	7,299.22	
4194-40	26,050	GOVT BUILDINGS - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	35,270.07	
4194-50	1,100	GOVT BUILDINGS - SUPPLIES	779.28	
	<u>42,950</u>	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (4194)	<u>49,788.65</u>	-6,839
4195		CEMETERIES		
4195-20	6,000	CEMETERIES - LABOR	5,767.00	
4195-25	1,000	CEMETERIES - ROAD MAINTENANCE	-	
4195-26	500	CEMETERIES - MONUMENT MAINT/REPAIRS	325.00	
4195-30	14,000	CEMETERIES - EQUIPMENT & MACHINES	14,741.00	
4195-40	500	CEMETERIES - SUPPLIES	775.94	
	<u>22,000</u>	TOTAL CEMETERIES (4195)	<u>21,608.94</u>	391
4196		INSURANCE		
4196-10	17,500	INSURANCE - WORKERS COMPENSATION	15,943.00	
4196-20	586	INSURANCE - UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	355.00	
4196-30	20,050	INSURANCE - OTHER	21,493.26	
	<u>38,136</u>	TOTAL INSURANCE (4196)	<u>37,791.26</u>	345
4197		ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC.		
4197-10	2,862	NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL	2,861.21	
	657	WV REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	625.00	
	<u>3,519</u>	TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL(4197)	<u>3,486.21</u>	33
4199		OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
4199-10	7,000	CONTINGENCY FUND	-	
4199-20	3,600	MAP & UPDATE	3,550.00	
4199-30	1	PERAMBULATION	-	
	<u>10,601</u>	TOTAL (4199)	<u>3,550.00</u>	7,051
4210		POLICE		
4210-10	191,092	POLICE-PAYROLL (Full Time)	194,270.63	
4210-12	25,507	(Admin. Asst.)	24,835.14	
4210-15	15,750	(part-time)	7,904.06	
4210-20	39,494	POLICE - COMMUNICATIONS	43,278.48	
4210-30	9,700	POLICE - EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	10,200.30	
4210-40	2,250	POLICE - UNIFORMS	2,838.11	
4210-50	16,414	POLICE - OUTSIDE SERVICES	15,849.64	
4210-60	24,261	POLICE - VEHICLE EXPENSES	25,597.06	
4210-70	1,500	POLICE - TRAINING	1,397.82	
4210-80	600	POLICE - CHIEFS EXPENSES/NOTICES	369.99	
	<u>326,568</u>	SUBTOTAL POLICE (4210)	<u>326,541.23</u>	27
4211-10	2,000	POLICE-DETAILS	2,800.00	
4211-20	3,000	POLICE-FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT	-	
	<u>331,568</u>	TOTAL POLICE (4210)	<u>329,341.23</u>	2,227

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ACCT #	2008 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Exp to 12/31/08	Balance Available
4220		FIRE DEPARTMENT		
4220-10	263,684	FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS (Thornton's 38%)	263,684.12	
	1,000	HYDRANTS	300.00	
4220-20	1,200	FOREST FIRE EXPENSE	-	
4220-30	17,832	LAKES REGION MUTUAL OPERATIONS	17,831.80	
	283,716	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (4220)	281,815.92	1,900
4240-10	8,000	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS (4240)	-	8,000
4290-10	2,500	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	-	2,500
4295-00	-	STORM DAMAGE (non-payroll)	-	0
4299-00	-	HAZARD MITIGATION/CCC/CERT	2,624.51	-2,625
4299-10	-	PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER	5,716.58	-5,717
4300-00	1,000	TOTAL 911 POSTS/SIGNS (4300)	153.02	847
4312		HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
4312-10	104,385	HIGHWAY-PAYROLL regular hours	97,614.39	
4312-11	20,000	overtime	16,628.52	
4312-12	9,000	part-time seasonal	20,022.63	
4312-20	25,000	HIGHWAY - SUPPLIES	12,346.31	
4312-21	130,000	HIGHWAY - Road Repair & Paving (Less \$30,000 from Capital Reserve	118,369.46	
4312-23	2,500	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - SUMMER	3,403.00	
4312-24	7,000	HIGHWAY - MOWING & SWEEPING	6,245.00	
4312-25	55,000	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	82,670.08	
4312-26	5,000	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,289.56	
4312-27	13,000	HIGHWAY-BUILDING SUPPLY & MAINT	9,863.13	
4312-30	30,000	HIGHWAY - SALT & SAND	36,368.68	
4312-33	75,000	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - WINTER	76,580.00	
	475,885	TOTAL HIGHWAY (4312)	485,400.76	-9,516
4314-00	35,000	HIGHWAY-BRIDGES	200.00	34,800
4322-00	2,403	PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE	2,402.17	1
4323/4324		TRANSFER STATION		
4323-10	41,439	PAYROLL-Manager	39,359.84	
4323-11	54,357	-Full Time Operator	54,543.06	
4323-12	22,497	-Part time	25,567.72	
4323-20	7,875	SOLID WASTE - BUILDING & UTILITY	7,892.12	
4323-21	1,000	UNIFORM EXPENSE	237.94	
	127,168	SOLID WASTE RECYCLE (4323)	127,600.68	-433
4324-10	10,670	SOLID WASTE - GENERAL/EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	16,366.60	
4324-20	165,658	SOLID WASTE - DISPOSAL	162,387.44	
4324-30	1	SOLID WASTE - LEGAL	-	
4324-40	70,413	SOLID WASTE - BULKY DEBRIS	67,922.13	
	246,742	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (4324)	246,676.17	66
	373,910.00	TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	374,276.85	-367

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH
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ACCT #	2008 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	Exp to 12/31/08	Balance Available
4325-10	2,700	MONITORING/CLOSURE	2,572.74	
		Budget reflects only Thornton's portion		
4325-10	2,700	TOTAL MONITORING/CLOSURE (4325) Thornton's Portion	2,572.74	127
4326-00	100	TOTAL SEPTAGE DISPOSAL (4326)	100.00	0
4415		HEALTH		
4415-10	9,518	PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH	9,517.50	
4415-15	1,000	SPEARE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1,000.00	
4415-20	774	PAYROLL - HEALTH OFFICER	774.00	
4415-30	100	LOCAL HEALTH	-	
	11,392	TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS (4415)	11,291.50	101
		WELFARE		
4441-10	4,586	PAYROLL - OVERSEER OF WELFARE	4,586.00	
4442-10	30,000	DIRECT ASSISTANCE - WELFARE	24,864.66	
	34,586	TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE (4442)	29,450.66	5,135
4444		HEALTH & AGENCY REQUESTS		
4444-10	1,780	VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE	1,780.00	
4444-11	2,000	TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	2,000.00	
4444-12	2,000	GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS	2,000.00	
4444-13	500	CASA	500.00	
4444-14	1,000	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC	1,000.00	
4444-15	300	LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES	300.00	
4444-16	-	CADY	-	
4444-17	25,000	ADOLESCENT DRUG & ALCOHOL	25,000.00	
4444-18	952	GWMCA AMERICAN RED CROSS	952.00	
4444-19	500	GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	500.00	
	34,032	TOTAL HEALTH & SPECIAL APPROP (4444)	34,032	0
4520-10	1	PARKS & RECREATION	-	
4520-20	2,500	OLD HOME DAY	2,500.00	
	2,501	TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION (4520)	2,500.00	1
4550		LIBRARY		
4550-10	31,525	PAYROLL - LIBRARY	29,168.17	
4550-20	14,825	LIBRARY - OTHER	14,825.00	
	46,350	TOTAL LIBRARY (4550)	43,993.17	2,357
4583-10	500	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	368.01	
	500	TOTAL (4583-4589)	368.01	132
4611-20	700	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	421.21	
4611-21	1,500	LAND INDEX	1,500.00	
	2,200	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,921.21	279
4711-10	15,000	TOTAL PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM BONDS (4711)	15,000.00	0
4721-10	3,178	TOTAL INTEREST - LONG TERM BONDS (4721)	3,173.33	5
4723-10	5,000	INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	-	5,000

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ACCT #	2008 APPROPRIATION	ACCOUNT TITLE	<u>Exp to 12/31/08</u>	Balance Available
4901		LAND		
4901-10	1	LAND	-	
4901-11	-	LAND - INTEREST	-	
	<u>1</u>	TOTAL LAND (4901)	<u>-</u>	1
4902		EQUIPMENT		
4902-30	16,400	EQUIPMENT	15,516.19	
	<u>16,400</u>	TOTAL EQUIPMENT (4902)	<u>15,516.19</u>	884
4903/4909		BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS		
4903-10	1	LANDFILL IMPROVEMENTS (Capital Reserve withdrawal offset)	-	
	<u>1</u>	TOTAL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	<u>-</u>	1
4915		CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS		
4915-11	10,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	
4915-12	10,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - POLICE CRUISER & EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	
4915-14	-	CAPITAL RESERVE - MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	-	
4915-15	38,500	CAPITAL RESERVE - BRIDGE REPAIRS & MAINT	38,500.00	
4915-16	1,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - TSF STATION EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	
4915-17	10,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS	10,000.00	
4915-18	20,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - PAVING	20,000.00	
4915-19	30,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - ASSESSIING	30,000.00	
4915-20	-	CAPITAL RESERVE - FIRE TRK RES VEH/EQUIP MAJ MAINT	-	
4915-21	500	CAPITAL RESERVE - CLOSURE MONITORING	500.00	
4915-22	10,000	CAPITAL RESERVE - MILL BROOK RD CONST/IMPROV	10,000.00	
	<u>130,000</u>	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE (4915)	<u>130,000.00</u>	0
	<u>2,505,612</u>	TOTAL	<u>2,437,144</u>	68,468

TOWN OF THORNTON
2008
Employee Earnings Summary

<u>NAME</u>		<u>WAGE</u>	<u>85% HEALTH</u> <u>50% DENTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ANDREW	CANDACE	47,939.20	12,852.18	60,791.38
BEAULIEU	TAMMIE	15,915.68	1,042.91	16,958.59
BIGL	SUSAN	5,815.52		5,815.52
CATE	SELENA	21,433.90		21,433.90
CHENEY	GEORGE	45,550.82	5,798.28	51,349.10
CLOGSTON	CASINO	138.49		138.49
COLLINS	JESSICA	1,775.00		1,775.00
COLLINS	TIMOTHY	25,723.49		25,723.49
CONN	MARY	6,797.51		6,797.51
DIAMOND	ROD	43,323.86	15,764.76	59,088.62
DUBEY	THOMAS	57,658.07	15,764.76	73,422.83
DUMONT	SUSAN	4,586.00		4,586.00
FOLEY	JOHN	52,758.04	15,764.76	68,522.80
GAUMER	JANETTE	520.00		520.00
GRIDLEY	CHARLES	352.52		352.52
GROSS	ARTHUR	3,800.00		3,800.00
HILLIARD	DAVID	40,493.00	15,764.76	56,257.76
HOWE	DONALD	27,730.26	5,797.28	33,527.54
JOHNSTON	WENDY	322.56		322.56
JONES	MARK	41,989.07	5,580.24	47,569.31
JOYCE	WALTER	63,860.54	11,575.08	75,435.62
KELLENBERGER	KEVIN	4,053.65		4,053.65
LYONS	SUSAN	35,928.53	15,764.76	51,693.29
MCGUIRE	KEVIN	12,826.00		12,826.00
MOULTON	GARY	27,976.27	5,580.24	33,556.51
MOULTON	SANDRA	25,507.14		25,507.14
PARZIALE	VINCENT	3,800.00		3,800.00
PEABODY	MARIANNE	40,117.00	414.54	40,531.54
SABOURN	ROY	3,800.00		3,800.00
SANBORN	GREG	8,033.10		8,033.10
SANBORN	JAMES	1,779.73		1,779.73
SELLINGHAM	BARBARA	22,307.77	1,278.24	23,586.01
WETMORE	PATRICK	4,662.15		4,662.15
ZANELATO	LUIGI	13,233.00		13,233.00
		712,507.87	128,742.79	841,250.66

TOWN OF THORNTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET (unaudited)

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,010,797
Taxes Receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible)	1,137,748
Other Receivables	(78,497)
Prepaid Items	11,182
Deeded property	13,143
Total Assets	<u>\$3,094,374</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$8,491
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	-
Due to Other Governments	113,530
Due to School Districts	2,482,386
Due to State of New Hampshire	-
Deferred Revenue	10,324
Yield Tax Excrow	(2,830)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$2,611,901</u>

Fund Equity

Reserved for Special Purposes	\$5,713
Reserved for Encumbrances	35,988
Reserved for Abatement Contingency	10,000
Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance	423,764
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	7,008
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$3,094,374</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of THORNTON Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 575,041.55	\$ 433.31	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120		\$ 10,920.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 0.90	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
			xxxxxx		
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 6,398,972.00	\$ 620.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 4,839.16	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 1,159.64	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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OVERPAYMENTS

Remaining From Prior Year		\$ 11,812.53			
New This Fiscal Year		\$ 8,354.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 5,802.07	\$ 46,122.85	\$ 120.40	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 6,430,939.40	\$ 632,705.30	\$ 553.71	\$ 0.00

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of THORNTON Year Ending 12/31/2008

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2007	2006	2005+
Property Taxes	\$ 5,486,758.04	\$ 413,166.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,740.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 4,399.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 5,802.07	\$ 46,122.85	\$ 120.40	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 1,159.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 162,600.17	\$ 433.31	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 8,412.58			

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	\$ 372.00	\$ 2,441.78	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 7,785.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -- END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	\$ 904,056.96	\$ 633.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 439.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Remaining Overpayments - Prior Yrs.	\$ 369.62			
Remaining Overpayments - This Year	\$ 8,354.00			
This Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 0.00			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	\$ 3,030.33			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 6,430,939.40	\$ 632,705.30	\$ 553.71	\$ 0.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of THORNTON Year Ending 12/31/2008

DEBITS

UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2007	2006	2005+
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 101,286.25	\$ 55,611.30	\$ 75,516.13
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 184,349.97	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 2,158.91	\$ 7,970.26	\$ 6,589.36	\$ 38,425.34
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$ 186,508.88	\$ 109,256.51	\$ 62,200.66	\$ 113,941.47

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2007	2006	2005+
Redemptions		\$ 47,150.53	\$ 49,072.16	\$ 19,730.49	\$ 66,088.89
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 2,158.91	\$ 7,970.26	\$ 6,589.36	\$ 38,425.34
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 448.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 5,867.38	\$ 6,340.60	\$ 4,884.16	\$ 8,603.84
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 131,332.06	\$ 45,873.49	\$ 30,996.65	\$ 375.40
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS		\$ 186,508.88	\$ 109,256.51	\$ 62,200.66	\$ 113,941.47

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Susan M. Lyons

Susan M. Lyons

DATE

12/31/08

Thornton Public Library Report for 2008

The library received several generous donations this past year that helped to defray the costs of books, the library book drop and the beautiful new awning. The Believe in Books Foundation gave us a donation for children's books. Wayne Charron & Jaime Chesley of Chesley's Glory Station gave a donation after they had a fundraiser for both the Thornton and Campton Public Libraries. Kaitlin Gabbeitt made a donation along with her grandmother, and every year a thoughtful, local couple makes a donation to help with the cost of the summer reading program. Every donation of money, books or time is very much appreciated.

The summer reading program "Saddle-up and Read Buckaroo" was extremely well attended and a ton of fun. Although the program was only four weeks, our registered readers read **1,906** books. Everyone got prizes and we made some fun crafts. Our top readers this year were Logan Ross and Rachelle Peroni. I was fortunate enough to have our library volunteer extraordinaire Patricia Sheppard, along with my lovely assistant Susie Bigl. In addition I had my very own posse: Lori Dodge, Susan Fort, Tina Peroni, and Lynne Campbell. I also had some very special student volunteers: Sammy Gaumer, Taylor James and Madison Grace. Storyteller Singer Simon Brooks entertained us one morning and Nancy Mace-Benham did another great art project with us. Thanks to everyone and especially to the parents, grandparents and caregivers who take the time to bring the children to the programs.

Our circulation numbers are even more impressive this year than last. We loaned an incredible **18,895** materials from our collection of 7,328 and we borrowed through interlibrary loan 1,232 materials and loaned 195 books to other libraries, for a total of 20,323. During 2008 we added 778 new materials to the collection. For a small library with a small staff, I feel that the residents of Thornton should be very proud of their library.

It would be impossible for me to write this report and not thank our Board of Trustees, Anita Ross, Diane Gravel and Laura Laufenberg for their continued commitment to the library and their support of the library staff. My assistant Susan Bigl continues to come up with innovative space solutions and gives me support year after year. Our library substitute Jessica Collins is wildly enthusiastic about books and children and I could not ask for more. What else can I say about our library volunteer, Patricia Sheppard except, thank you very much and we all love you. Dear patrons and students, everyday I look forward to coming to work, and do what I do for you. Thank you for all your support, and I wish everyone a very happy 2009. Please, feel free to contact us at anytime at 726-8981 or via e-mail at Thorntonlibrary@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Selena M. Cate,
Library Director

2009 Thornton Public Library Budget

Income	2008 Proposed	2008 Year Ending	2009 Proposed
Town & School Appropriation	46,349.55	43,993.17	46,517.00
School Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Unexpended Funds	40.45	40.45	320.21
Trust Funds	525.00	575.20	550.00
Gifts/Donations	100.00	1,100.00	100.00
Lost/damaged materials	50.00	143.99	100.00
Interest Income	0.00	0.45	0.00
Total Income	49,565.00	48,353.26	50,087.21
Unexpended Funds		-320.21	
Expenses			
Books	10,000.00	9,639.04	9,000.00
Salaries	31,525.00	29,168.17	32,733.00
Children's Programs	500.00	266.84	500.00
Computers; supplies & expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00
Dues	70.00	135.00	135.00
Grant M. Funds	0.00	600.00	0.00
Equipment	650.00	148.73	500.00
Library Passes	200.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative/Professional dev.	300.00	308.92	400.00
Postage	150.00	140.44	150.00
Rewards	300.00	118.34	300.00
Service Charges	20.00	15.00	20.00
Summer Reading Program	600.00	600.00	600.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,279.42	1,000.00
Tech Support	500.00	0.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	814.15	1,000.00
Book Drop	0.00	1,749.00	0.00
Awning	0.00	550.00	0.00
Totals	49,565.00	48,033.05	50,088.00

Selectmen's Report 2008

The year 2008 was a very busy one for your Board of Selectman and the town office in general. The town office served as the polling place for the national primary election in the spring, the national fall elections, and the local spring elections. Roy Sabourn ran unopposed for a three year selectman seat, and Susan Lyons prevailed in her quest to serve as your town clerk/tax collector in a hotly contested race for that position.

Two key people retired from the office this year. Ten year Town Administrator Candace Andrew officially retired at the end of July, but was kind enough to continue as intern administrator until Labor Day. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Barbara Sellingham also retired after many years of dedicated service. Barbara continues to assist Sue Lyons on a part time basis. Candy and Barbara both gave their all to the Town of Thornton during their terms of service, and they will be greatly missed. Thank you Candy and Barbara.

With the help of the Local Government Center, we advertised for a new administrator. We received about a dozen applications, from which we interviewed the four best candidates. Tammie Beaulieu from Northwood, NH was our unanimous choice, and we are pleased to announce that she is doing an outstanding job for the town. Mary Conn joined the office team as a part time employee in May and Wendy Johnston began serving as deputy town clerk/tax collector in December.

The old garage beside the Crawford Ballfield collapsed under the weight of last winters snow. The town also suffered some damage to roads during the heavy rains in the first week of August. The roads were quickly repaired by our highway department, and due to the efforts of our Road Agent Tom Dubey and Administrator Andrew, the town was reimbursed for a substantial portion of the repair costs by FEMA.

We had engineers from two firms look at the covered bridge in Mill Brook. The conclusions were that with some bank and headwall stabilization the bridge would likely serve for some years. Road Agent Dubey has prepared and submitted an application for the same to the NH Wetlands Board. He is currently waiting for approval, and we anticipate having the proposed repairs made next summer.

Hidden Acres Road was not accepted as a town street due to extensive icing problems last winter.

We were able to negotiate a deal with Heidi Hawkenzen to ultimately resolve the parking issues along Route 175 for the Crawford Ballfield. There will be a warrant article this year asking for the funds to purchase a small parcel of land that can eventually be improved into a parking lot. The acquisition will also resolve the encroachment of a portion the old town hall building. We request your support of this article.

The Capital Improvement Committee has been working hard on a program to stabilize our tax rate by planning for major capital expenses over a ten-year period. We have

worked with them during this year's budget process, specifically relative to the amounts to be dedicated to the various Capital Reserve Funds and trying to get away from costly lease/purchase arrangements for vehicles by funding for outright purchases using a long term savings approach. The Advisory Budget Committee also became active once again this year, with their goal being to keep the overall operating budget lean. Our gratitude goes out to all of the volunteers serving on both of those committees.

Due to the Town being named as a co-defendant in a civil lawsuit, we decided to cease inspections of all building construction and have revised the Building Permit Application and fees to reflect the same.

We encourage citizens to attend our weekly and/or bi-weekly meetings at the town office. Our schedule is posted on the outside bulletin board and on the town's website at www.thorntonnh.org. The approved minutes of our meetings are also posted on the website.

Respectfully submitted by your Board of Selectman,
Arthur L. Gross, Chairman
Vincent S. Parziale
Roy A. Sabourn

In Appreciation to
Candy Andrew
Thornton Town Administrator
1998-2008

It is always hard to be the new person in the workplace, but even more so when you are replacing a long-time beloved Town Official. Candy handled the transition with quiet dignity and grace. This is the kind of person she is. With her experience in accounting, the bookkeeping duties were added to her very busy job description. Before coming to Thornton, she worked for several years as the Town of Plymouth's Finance Director. She was also a long time employee and resident in Waterville Valley where her husband Bruce, known as Bear was the Fire Chief for many years. Candy was a member of the Town's ambulance crew there as well. Candy worked with the various Board of Selectmen in Thornton developing personnel policies, accounting procedures, and developing good working relationships with the various department heads and local Townspeople. Candy and Bear are now enjoying their retirements spending winters in South Carolina gardening and woodworking and returning to their Campton home in spring and summer. Thank you, Candy!

Thornton Police Department
December 31, 2008

Another busy year has come to an end. The police department has been quite active. The number of arrests has gone up, and the police department continues to have an excellent conviction rate. The number of incidents has also increased this past year. Officer training has been extremely successful.

Our current employees continue to work hard for the residents of Thornton. Lt. Foley, Officer's Diamond, Jones, Wetmore, Clogston and Gridley and Sandy Moulton, Adm. Ass't. remain on our team. While Officer Kellenberger resigned for a full-time position elsewhere. We have a strong team, and each one offers their own strengths to better the department. As Chief, I am proud of the department. We work hard as a team and together work to keep the town a safe place to live.

I would like to remind you of the importance of the '911' numbering system. If you have not clearly numbered your property, please do so as soon as possible, as this can assist the ambulance, fire and police responses. A simple number visible from the road that clearly marks your residence could save your life. I thank you in advance for getting this accomplished.

If you should have an alarm system at your business or residence, please make sure that you pick up an Intruder Alarm Emergency Contact form at the Police Department or call 726-3871 and we will mail one to you. In the event that we are asked to respond to your property due to alarm activation, it is important for the Officers to have as much accurate information as possible.

In a time of economic hardship, I continue to work hard to keep the budget reasonable and only purchase what is absolutely necessary for the department to run efficiently. I always appreciate all that the voters of Thornton allow this department. I would like to thank each one of you for all the support and encouragement that is shown each and every day to 'your' officers. All of us here at the Police Department wish each one of you a very safe 2009.

Respectfully,
Walter G. Joyce
Chief of Police

2008 Campton-Thornton Fire Commissioners Report

This was a big year for the First Responders serving Campton, Thornton and Ellsworth. The transition from First Responder care to full service ambulance went very smoothly. The department was nominated for “State of NH Achievement Award” by its peers in the surrounding area and won. Chief Tobine and members of the squad were presented with the award at a banquet in Concord. We should all be proud of this prestigious award.

Also this year, the department replaced a 1975 engine with a new 2500-gallon pump truck purchased from Central States in South Dakota. Many other needed upgrades were made on existing pieces of equipment including brakes, springs and exhaust.

Chief Tobine was also successful in obtaining grants that allowed the purchase of \$64,000 in tools and equipment. The department also received a \$2500 grant for the purchase of forestry tools and protective clothing. The Commission commends Chief Tobine on his efforts to obtain these grants.

The fire commissioners would like to thank all the members of the squad for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Morel
Niles Downing
Todd Baldwin
Jim Demeritt
Richard Ghie

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**Summary of Receipts**

For the Period From January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
3401.10	Interest Income		
	Community Guaranty Savings Bank	<u>192.67</u>	192.67
3401.11	Inspection Income		255.00
3401.12	Other Income		
	National City Bank	15.00	
	S. McCormack	5.00	
	Town of Campton	<u>349.11</u>	369.11
3401.90	Appropriation		
	Town of Campton	315,705.81	
	Town of Thornton	206,841.74	
	Town of Ellsworth	<u>21,772.80</u>	544,320.35
3420.00	Sale of Equipment		
	James R. St. Jean Auctioneers	<u>2,025.00</u>	2,025.00
3425.00	Grant		
	FEMA	<u>41,589.00</u>	41,589.00
			<u>588,751.13</u>

AMBULANCE REVENUE

3401.15	Ambulance	<u>88,317.27</u>	88,317.27
			<u>88,317.27</u>

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Summary of Payments
For the Period From January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2200.00	Encumbered Funds	1,712.50
2201.00	Payable to Towns	15,593.22
3420.00	Sale of Equipment	2,025.00
3425.00	Grant	41,588.88
4220.00	Payroll - Full Time	146,040.16
4220-01	Payroll - Call Company	49,599.80
4220.02	Payroll - Weekend Call	3,960.00
4220.03	Payroll - Overtime Full Time	12,769.93
4220.05	Payroll - Support Staff	18,991.11
4220.06	Payroll Tax Expense	10,329.50
4220.07	Payroll Other Expense	502.92
4220.08	Payroll - Retirement	18,922.65
4220.09	Payroll - Health Insurance	59,281.74
4220.10	Postage	376.84
4220.11	Vehicle Fuel	15,656.58
4220.12	Chief's Expenses	454.94
4220.13	Deputy Chief Expenses	1,000.00
4220.14	Health & Safety	6,500.00
4220.15	F.D. Equipment & Rescue Supply	45,334.00
4220.17	Insurance Deductions	2,000.00
4220.18	A.E.D. / Defibrillator	5,000.00
4220.20	Training	7,569.78
4220.30	Insurance	25,986.16
4220.40	Equipment Maintenance	14,104.74
4220.50	Vehicle Maintenance	21,853.80

CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summary of Payments

For the Period From January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

<u>ACCT ID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4220.60	Utilities	17,727.17
4220.70	Publications	1,571.40
4220.80	Supplies	1,212.94
4220.90	General Expense	2,098.69
4220.92	Audit	1,750.00
		<u>551,514.45</u>

AMBULANCE DISBURSEMENTS

4228.00	Ambulance Inc. Collection Fee	7,948.55
4229.00	Ambulance Revenue Paid to Town	80,268.72
		<u>88,217.27</u>

**CAMPTON - THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2008

Checking	\$ 18,904.13
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Receipts

Interest Income	192.67	
Inspection Income	255.00	
Other Income	369.11	
Appropriations	544,320.35	
Sale of Equipment	2,025.00	
Grants	<u>41,589.00</u>	
		588,751.13

Disbursements

Commissioners (2008 Budget)	482,690.85	
Commissioners (Encumbered 2007)	1,712.50	
Commissioners (Encumbered 2008)	7,904.00	
Commissioners (Reimbursement to towns)	15,593.22	
Grants	41,588.88	
Sale of Equipment	<u>2,025.00</u>	
		551,514.45

Ending Balance - December 31, 2008

Checking	56,140.81	
Encumbered Funds 2008	<u>7,904.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 64,044.81</u>

**CAMPTON - THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2008

Savings		\$ 281.96
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Receipts

Interest Income	<u>1.55</u>	1.55
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Ending Balance - December 31, 2008		<u><u>\$ 283.51</u></u>
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**CAMPTON - THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2008			\$
Receipts			
Interest Income	15.32		
Ambulance Revenue	<u>88,317.27</u>		
		88,332.59	
Disbursements			
Commissioners	<u>88,217.27</u>		
		88,217.27	
Ending Balance - December 31, 2008			\$ <u>115.32</u>

Chiefs Report

The Campton-Thornton Fire Department has successfully completed the transition from rescue squad to a transporting unit. This was our first year with an ambulance and transporting patients to the hospital. After addressing a few minor issues, I am pleased to say the transition went smoothly.

We received a grant for equipment and purchased a complete extrication system along with fire hose and nozzles. The Firefighters and EMT'S have been taking classes to better their skills and be prepared for many types of emergencies.

The department is always looking for call firefighters and emergency medical technicians who wish to serve their community. It takes many hours of training before you can be certified as a firefighter or emergency medical technician. If you are able to make a commitment to training, stop in and pick up an application.

We have an explorer post for boys and girls between the ages of 14 - 18 years old who may be interested in becoming a member of the Fire and EMS community. Applications may be picked up at the fire station.

With fuel prices up and everyone trying to find alternative heating sources, we have seen an increase of fires and related issues with carbon monoxide poisoning. Please call the station with any questions you may have if you are installing an alternative heating source. Remember to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors often.

It is also very important to have your 911 address posted near the road in a highly visible area to be seen day or night.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Tobine
Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

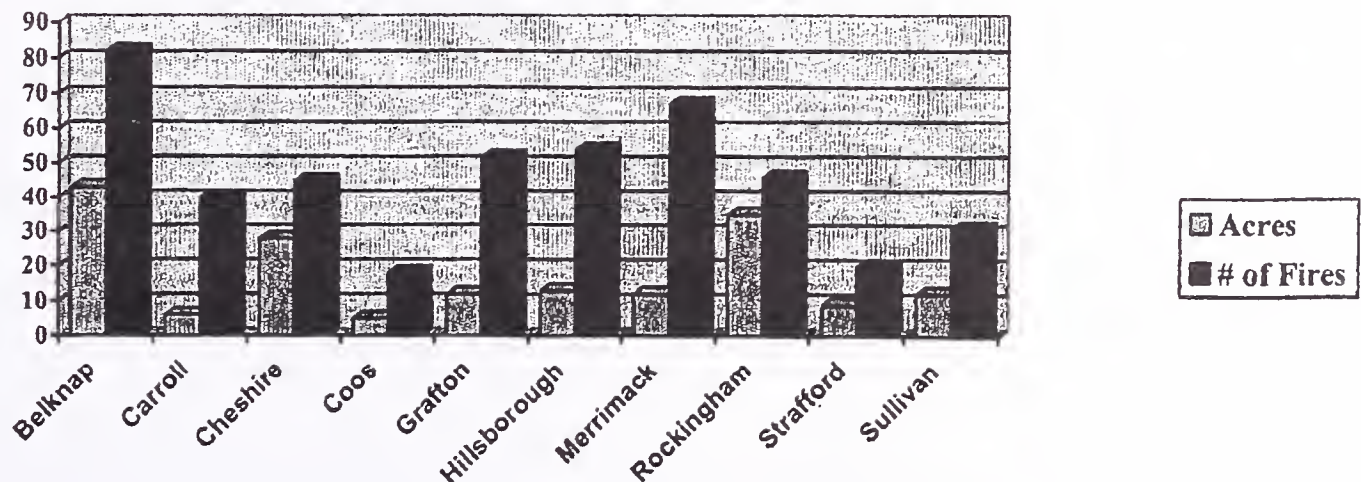
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	2	2008	455	175
Debris	173	2007	437	212
Campfire	35	2006	500	473
Children	23	2005	546	174
Smoking	36	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Hello to the folks of Thornton,

The end of 2008 went out with a bang, and not a whimper. The Highway Department was kept very busy last winter with a record snowfall. Maybe not a record in Concord, where the actual measuring takes place, but surely a record around here.

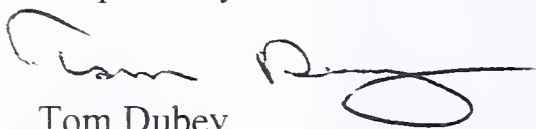
We were kept quite busy with plowing and sanding right up until April. In May we got going with the sweeping and grading of roads. We did some much needed ditching this year as well as culvert replacement. We also paved Robins Nest, Church St. River Run, Sherburne Drive, and Terrace Rd. Church St and Robins Nest were in extremely bad shape.

We are hoping to do some grinding and paving on Upper Mad River Rd this year. This will more than likely be a two to three year project depending on how much pavement is this year a ton. So for you folks that travel this Road, please expect some delays.

Our aim here at the Highway Department is to do our best to keep the roads in good traveling condition. Please remember that during ice storms its hard and dangerous for us to be out there too. We can not hit every road at once, and need time to get back to the sand pile for more sand. During the spring thaw, our dirt roads take it hard. We can not put to much equipment on the roads for too long as this will do more damage to the roads than good.

Please feel free, if you have any concerns to call, stop in, or just swing by to say hello. Here's hoping that you and yours have a very happy and good 2009.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Dubey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Dubey
Thornton Road Agent

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Municipal Building in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 10th of March 2009 at 8:00 AM of the clock to act upon the following subjects: The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots to be cast at 1:00 PM

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

Selectman for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Library Trustee for 3 years
Overseer of Public Welfare for 1 year
Two Planning Board Members for 3 years
One Planning Board Members for 2 years

Article 2: To see if the town will vote to increase the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members pursuant to RSA 41:8-b. This vote must be by special ballot pursuant to RSA 656:13. (by petition)

Article 3: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Amendment No. 1

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:"

ARTICLE V PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES

A. Rural Residence Zone

Add

15. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment No. 2.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:"

ARTICLE V PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES

B. General Residence Zone

Add

5. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment No. 3.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:"

ARTICLE V PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES

C. Recreational Zones East & West

Add

i. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment No. 4.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows:"

ARTICLE V PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES

D. Commercial zone

Add

3. Small Wind Energy Systems

Amendment No. 5.

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5. As proposed by the planning board for the zoning ordinance as follows."

ARTICLE V PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES

E. Industrial Zones 1 & 11

Add

8. Small Wind Energy Systems

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 14th day of March 2009 at the Thornton Central School.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Road Agent from appointed to elected with a term of three years effective town meeting March 2010. (Petition Article) "Ballot Vote required"

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-One Thousand dollars (\$31,000)** to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (Majority vote required).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be added to the existing Bridge Repairs & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand dollars (\$4,000)** to be added to the existing Transfer Station Major Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000)** to be added to the existing Fire/Rescue Vehicle, Equipment & Major Maintenance Repair Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of road paving, construction and repairs to be named the Road Paving, Construction and Repairs CRF and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$13,600)**, to be placed into the fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Twenty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred dollars (\$27,400)**, for the purchase of a 2009 Police Cruiser and cruiser equipment and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this sum from the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Forty-Two Thousand dollars (\$42,000)** for the purchase of municipal finance accounting software. (Majority vote required)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Two Hundred dollars (\$200)** to support a donation request from Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee. (Majority vote required)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Million Three Hundred Six Thousand Three dollars (\$2,306,003.00)** to support town operations for the 2009-year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. (Majority vote required)


Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 19 year lease with the Thornton Historical Society for the building and grounds known as the Old Town Hall, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to purchase a portion of land currently owned by Heidi Hawkensen and identified in town records as Map 10 Lot 3 Sublot 38, and to fund that appropriation by a donation from the Historical Society of **Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000)**, with the remaining balance to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

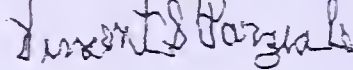
To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this **11th day of February in the year 2009.**

Thornton Board of Selectmen,



Arthur L. Gross, Chairman



Vincent S. Parziale



Roy A. Sabourn

ACCT #	ACCOUNT TITLE	2008 APPROVED	(UNAUDITED) 08 EXP 12/31/08	2009 PROPOSED	Notes & Estimated Receipts
4130	EXECUTIVE				
4130-10	PAYROLL - SELECTMEN	11,400.00	11,400.00	11,400.00	
4130-25	PAYROLL - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	54,312.00	53,761.05	53,278.00	
4130-40	PAYROLL - PLANNING/ADMIN SUPPORT	38,670.00	37,359.08	35,821.00	
4130-45	PAYROLL-OVERTIME/PARTTIME	11,740.00	15,877.28	16,942.00	
4130-50	MODERATOR	500.00	500.00	200.00	
4130-60	EXPENSES FOR SELECTMEN	1,500.00	4,524.38	6,500.00	
	TOTAL EXECUTIVE (4130)	118,122.00	123,421.79	124,141.00	
4140	ELECTION, REGISTRATION				
4140-10	PAYROLL -TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	40,662.00	43,247.93	39,433.00	
4140-11	PAYROLL - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	12,000.00	10,679.49	10,045.00	
4140-19	TOWN CLERK STATE FEES	1,800.00	1,742.38	2,000.00	
4140-25	ELECTION EXPENSES	6,000.00	5,585.85	2,000.00	
	TOTAL ELECTION, REGISTRATIONS (4140)	60,462.00	61,255.65	53,478.00	
4150	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
4150-15	COLLECTION EXPENSES	500.00	475.63	500.00	
4150-20	PAYROLL - TREASURER	4,586.00	4,586.00	4,724.00	
4150-30	PAYROLL-TRUSTEES	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,236.00	
4150-40	AUDITING	16,500.00	17,380.00	18,050.00	
4150-50	OFFICE EXPENSE - SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	9,970.00	8,394.76	8,500.00	
4150-51	OFFICE EXPENSE - TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	4,800.00	4,653.38	4,500.00	
4150-52	OFFICE EXPENSE - BANK SERVICE CHARGE	575.00	330.00	500.00	
4150-53	OFFICE EXPENSE - COMPUTER CHARGES	13,196.00	4,782.00	5,820.00	
4150-54	OFFICE EXPENSE - TOWN REPORTS	4,100.00	4,073.63	3,664.00	
4150-55	OFFICE EXPENSE - EQUIPMENT RENTALS	1,360.00	1,469.88	1,360.00	
4150-56	OFFICE EXPENSE - DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,152.00	2,177.94	2,190.00	
4150-57	OFFICE EXPENSE - POSTAGE	6,000.00	4,424.09	5,000.00	
4150-58	TRAINING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,950.00	1,826.77	2,500.00	
	TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (4150)	66,889.00	55,774.08	58,544.00	

2009 Town of Thornton
Proposed Budget Worksheet

ACCT #	ACCOUNT TITLE	2008 APPROVED	(UNAUDITED) 08 EXP to 12/31/08	2009 PROPOSED	Notes & Estimated Receipts
4152	PROPERTY VALUES				
4152-10	UPDATE OF PROPERTY VALUES	17,250.00	7,877.40	20,250.00	
4152-20	PICKUPS (BLDG PMTS/DEMOLITIONS)	15,300.00	16,093.25	13,300.00	
	TOTAL REVALUATIONS OF PROPERTY (4152)	32,550.00	23,970.65	33,550.00	
4153	LEGAL EXPENSE				
4153-10	LEGAL EXPENSE	7,000.00	6,826.65	7,000.00	
	TOTAL LEGAL (4153)	7,000.00	6,826.65	7,000.00	
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
4155-10	FICA /MEDI & RETIREMENT	92,785.00	100,182.62	110,330.00	
4155-20	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	186,275.00	173,431.73	137,003.00	
	TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIONS (4155)	279,060.00	273,614.35	247,333.00	
4191-4192	PLANNING & ZONING				
4191-20	PLANNING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS	2,300.00	3,310.35	2,300.00	
4191-21	PLANNING BOARD-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MAINT	1,200.00	360.00	300.00	
4191-22	PLANNING BOARD-TRAINING	200.00	269.00	200.00	
4191-30	PLANNING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES	800.00	1,842.51	1,600.00	
4191-40	PLANNING BOARD - MASTER PLAN	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
	TOTAL PLANNING (4191)	4,500.00	5,781.86	6,400.00	
4192-20	ZONING BOARD - OPERATING COSTS	700.00	842.51	700.00	
4192-22	ZONING BOARD-TRAINING	200.00	0.00	200.00	
4192-30	ZONING BOARD - LEGAL EXPENSES	1,000.00	206.00	800.00	
	TOTAL ZONING (4192)	1,900.00	1,048.51	1,700.00	
	TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING (4191-4192)	6,400.00	6,830	8,100.00	Department Revenues as of 12/31/08 = \$6,296.03
4194	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
4194-10	GOV'T BUILDING - CUSTODIAL	3,300.00	3,184.00	3,300.00	
4194-20	GOV'T BUILDING - PROPANE	5,500.00	3,256.08	4,000.00	
4194-30	GOV'T BUILDINGS - UTILITIES	7,000.00	7,299.22	7,500.00	
4194-40	GOV'T BUILDINGS - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	26,050.00	35,270.07	15,302.00	
4194-50	GOV'T BUILDINGS - SUPPLIES	1,100.00	779.28	1,000.00	
4194-60	GOV'T BUILDINGS - OLD TOWN HALL	0.00	0.00	1.00	
	TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (4194)	42,950.00	49,788.65	31,103.00	Department Revenues as of 12/31/08 = \$313.10
4195	CEMETERIES				
4195-20	CEMETERIES - LABOR	6,000.00	5,767.00	6,000.00	
4195-25	CEMETERIES - ROAD MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	
4195-26	CEMETERIES - MONUMENT MAINT/REPAIRS	500.00	325.00	500.00	
4195-30	CEMETERIES - EQUIPMENT & MACHINES	14,000.00	14,741.00	15,000.00	
4195-40	CEMETERIES - SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE	500.00	775.94	2,248.00	
	TOTAL CEMETERIES (4195)	22,000.00	21,608.94	24,248.00	

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4196	INSURANCE				
4196-10	INSURANCE - WORKERS COMPENSATION	17,500.00	15,943.00	14,438.00	
4196-20	INSURANCE - UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	586.00	355.00	434.00	
4196-30	INSURANCE - OTHER property liability & deductibles	20,050.00	21,493.26	22,000.00	
	TOTAL INSURANCE (4196)	38,136.00	37,791.26	36,872.00	
4197	ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC				
4197-10	North Country Council	2,862.00	2,861.21	1.00	
4197-20	Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce	657.00	625.00	657.00	
	TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL (4197)	3,519.00	3,486.21	658.00	
4199	CONTINGENCY, MAPS, PERAMBULATION				
4199-10	CONTINGENCY FUND	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	
4199-20	MAP & UPDATE	3,600.00	3,550.00	3,800.00	
4199-30	PERAMBULATION	1.00	0.00	1.00	
	TOTAL (4199)	10,601.00	3,550.00	10,801.00	
4210	POLICE				
4210-10	POLICE-PAYROLL FT-Ch /Lt /2 Off	191,092.00	194,270.63	189,442.00	
4210-11	POLICE-OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	10,500.00	
4210-12	(secretary)	25,507.00	24,835.14	28,237.00	
4210-14	Juvenile expenses -NEW Line per PD	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	
4210-15	(part-time)	15,750.00	7,904.06	7,309.00	
4210-20	POLICE - COMMUNICATIONS	39,494.00	43,278.48	43,800.00	
4210-30	POLICE - EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	9,700.00	10,200.30	11,205.00	
4210-40	POLICE - UNIFORMS	2,250.00	2,838.11	4,550.00	
4210-50	POLICE - OUTSIDE SERVICES	16,414.00	15,849.64	19,071.00	
4210-60	POLICE - VEHICLE EXPENSES	24,261.00	25,597.06	27,911.00	Crown Vic lease payment 2 of 3 yr vehicle lease \$8,011
4210-70	POLICE - TRAINING	1,500.00	1,397.82	1,500.00	
4210-80	POLICE - CHIEFS EXPENSES/NOTICES	600.00	369.99	700.00	
	SUBTOTAL POLICE (4210)	326,568.00	326,541.23	347,225.00	
4211-10	POLICE-DETAILS	2,000.00	2,800.00	2,000.00	
4211-20	BILLED-Additional Offsetting Receipts POLICE-FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT reimbursed by Forest Service	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
	TOTAL POLICE (4210)	331,568.00	329,341.23	352,225.00	Police Dept Revenues as of 12/31/08 = \$9,195.68

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4220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
4220-10	FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire department operations (Thornton's 38%) Hydrants	263,684.00 1,000.00	263,684.12 300.00	255,654.00 1,000.00	Includes: \$20,473.76 for engine #1 thru 5/2014 \$12,224.14 ambulance thru 10/2011 \$23,744.48 for engine #3 thru 3/2010
4220-20	FOREST FIRE EXPENSE	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	
4220-30	LAKES REGION MUTUAL OPERATIONS	17,832.00	17,831.80	18,242.00	
	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (4220)	283,716.00	281,815.92	276,096.00	
4240-10	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	8,000.00	0.00	1.00	Fire Dept Revenues as of 12/31/08 = Ambulance service \$26,519.64 Other FD Income \$5925.42
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS (4240)	8,000.00	0.00	1.00	
4290-10	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	2,500.00	0.00	1,000.00	
4295-00	EMERGENCY -STORM DAMAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4299-00	HAZARD MIT-CCC/CERT	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4299-10	PUBLIC SAFETY OTHER	0.00	5,716.58	0.00	
4300-00	911 POSTS/SIGNS	1,000.00	153.02	500.00	
	TOTAL 911 POSTS/SIGNS (4300)	1,000.00	153.02	500.00	
4312	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
4312-10	HIGHWAY-PAYROLL Road Agent/Mechanic	104,385.00	97,614.39	110,861.00	
4312-11	overtime (FT)	20,000.00	16,628.52	17,000.00	
4312-12	part-time seasonal	9,000.00	20,022.63	9,500.00	
4312-20	HIGHWAY - SUPPLIES	25,000.00	12,346.31	13,000.00	
4312-21	HIGHWAY - ROAD REPAIR & PAVING	130,000.00	118,369.46	115,000.00	
4312-23	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - SUMMER	2,500.00	3,403.00	3,500.00	
4312-24	HIGHWAY - MOWING & SWEEPING	7,000.00	6,245.00	6,000.00	
4312-25	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	55,000.00	82,670.08	65,000.00	2009: 5th of 6 pmnt on 6 TN Truck \$23,723.66 (cap exp '06)
4312-26	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,000.00	5,289.56	6,000.00	
4312-29	HIGHWAY-BUILDING SUPPLY & MAINT	13,000.00	9,863.13	10,000.00	
4312-30	HIGHWAY - SALT & SAND	30,000.00	36,368.68	35,000.00	
4312-33	HIGHWAY - SUBCONTRACTORS - WINTER	75,000.00	76,580.00	75,000.00	2009 Highway Block Grant from the State estimated at \$86,781.67
	TOTAL (4312)	475,885.00	485,400.76	465,861.00	Highway Dept Revenues as of 12/31/08 =FEMA \$20,827.46
4314-00	HIGHWAY-BRIDGES	35,000.00	200.00	0.00	Separate Warrant article in 2008
	TOTAL HIGHWAY (4312-4314)	510,885.00	485,600.76	465,861.00	

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4322-00	PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE	2,403.00	2,402.17	2,427.00	
4323/4324	TRANSFER STATION				
4323-10	PAYROLL-Manager	41,439.00	39,359.84	42,137.00	
4323-11	-2 Full Time Operators	54,357.00	54,543.06	57,925.00	
4323-12	-Part time	22,497.00	25,567.72	28,551.00	
4323-20	SOLID WASTE - BUILDING & UTILITY	7,875.00	7,892.12	8,375.00	
4323-21	UNIFORM EXPENSE	1,000.00	237.94	1,000.00	
	SOLID WASTE RECYCLE (4323)	127,168.00	127,600.68	137,988.00	
4324-10	SOLID WASTE - GENERAL/EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	10,670.00	16,366.60	10,670.00	
4324-20	SOLID WASTE - DISPOSAL	165,658.00	162,387.44	187,045.00	
4324-30	SOLID WASTE - LEGAL	1.00	0.00	1.00	
4324-40	SOLID WASTE - BULKY DEBRIS	70,413.00	67,922.13	78,760.00	
	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL (4324)	246,742.00	246,676.17	276,476.00	
	TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	373,910.00	374,276.85	414,464.00	66% of appropriations less 66% revenues is reimbursed to Thornton from Campton/Ellsworth Department Revenues as of 12/31/08 = \$67,041.93
4325-10	MONITORING/CLOSURE Budget reflects only Thornton's portion	2,700.00	2,572.74	3,150.00	matching withdraw from Capital Project Fund reduction in testing requirements starting in 2007
	TOTAL (4325)	2,700.00	2,572.74	3,150.00	
4326-00	TOTAL SEPTAGE DISPOSAL (4326)	100.00	100.00	100.00	
4415	HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS				
4415-10	Pemi-Baker Home Health	9,518.00	9,517.50	9,630.00	
4415-15	Speare Memorial Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	
4415-20	PAYROLL - HEALTH OFFICER	774.00	774.00	798.00	
4415-30	LOCAL HEALTH	100.00	0.00	100.00	
	TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES&HOSPITALS (4415)	11,392.00	11,291.50	12,028.00	
4441-10	WELFARE PAYROLL - OVERSEER OF WELFARE	4,586.00	4,586.00	4,724.00	
4442-10	DIRECT ASSISTANCE - WELFARE	30,000.00	24,864.66	30,000.00	
	TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE (4442)	34,586.00	29,450.66	34,724.00	

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4444	<u>HEALTH & AGENCY REQUESTS</u>				
4444-10	VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE	1,780.00	1,780.00	1,720.00	
4444-11	TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,800.00	
4444-12	GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,100.00	
4444-13	CASA (Court Apptd Special Advocates)	500.00	500.00	500.00	
4444-14	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4444-15	LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES	300.00	300.00	300.00	
4444-16	CADY (Communities for Alcohol & Drug Free Youth)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4444-17	ADOLESCENT DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
4444-18	GWMCA AMERICAN RED CROSS	952.00	952.00	952.00	
4444-19	GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	500.00	500.00	500.00	
	<u>TOTAL HEALTH & SPECIAL APPROP (4444)</u>	34,032.00	34,032.00	35,872.00	
4520-10	PARKS & RECREATION	1.00	0.00	1.00	
4520-20	OLD HOME DAY	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	
	<u>TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION (4520)</u>	2,501.00	2,500.00	1,501.00	
4550	<u>LIBRARY</u>				
4550-10	PAYROLL - LIBRARY	31,525.00	29,168.17	32,733.00	
4550-20	LIBRARY - OTHER (15917)	14,825.00	14,825.00	13,784.00	
	<u>TOTAL LIBRARY (4550)</u>	46,350.00	43,993.17	46,517.00	approx. 50% of appropriation is reimbursed by school
4583-10	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	500.00	368.01	500.00	
	<u>TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (4583)</u>	500.00	368.01	500.00	
4611-20	<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u> Land Index	700.00	421.21	700.00	
	<u>TOTAL CONSERVATION COMM (4611)</u>	2,200.00	1,921.21	700.00	
4711-10	<u>PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM DEBT (4711)</u>	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	2009 is yr 7 of 10-year \$150,000 note for Highway land & bldg.
4721-10	<u>INTEREST - LONG TERM BONDS (4721)</u>	3,178.00	3,173.33	2,509.00	
4723-10	<u>INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (4723)</u>	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
4901	<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY LAND</u>	1.00	0.00	15,000.00	2009 Art# 18: Cap Outlay to purchase land from Hawkensen to add to the Old Town House property
4901-10	<u>TOTAL CAP OUTLAY LAND (4901)</u>	1.00	0.00	15,000.00	

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4902	CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT				
4902-20	HIGHWAY -2009 REQUEST FORD 550	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4902-30	FIRE DEPARTMENT -Ambulance	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4902-31	FIRE DEPARTMENT - Defibrillator	6,400.00	6,400.00	0.00	
4902-40	POLICE-2009 REQUEST 4x4	10,000.00	9,116.19	27,400.00	2009 Art# 13. Cap Outlay to purchase 4 cruiser for the PD
	TOTAL CAP OUTLAY EQUIPMENT (4902)	16,400.00	15,516.19	27,400.00	
4903	CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS				
4903-10	LANDFILL IMPROVEMENTS	1.00	0.00	0.00	matching withdrawal from capital reserve
	TOTAL CAP OUTLAY BLDINGS & IMPROVE 4903	1.00	0.00	0.00	
4909	CAPITAL OUTLAY OTHER				
4909-50	OTHER-Capital Outlay (donation to PEMI)	0.00	0.00	200.00	2009 Art#15. Donation-Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee
4909-51	Capital Outlay- 2009 Finance Software	0.00	0.00	42,000.00	2009 Art#14: Donation for Municipal Finance Software
	TOTAL CAP OUTLAY OTHER 4909			42,200.00	
4915	CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS				
4915-11	CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	10,000.00	31,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #5
4915-12	CAPITAL RESERVE - POLICE CRUISER & EQUIP	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #6
4915-14	CAPITAL RESERVE - MUNICIPAL BUILDING	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #7
4915-15	CAPITAL RESERVE - BRIDGE REPAIRS & MAINT	38,500.00	38,500.00	30,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #8
4915-16	CAPITAL RESERVE - TSF STATION EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #9
4915-17	CAPITAL RESERVE - EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
4915-18	CAPITAL RESERVE - PAVING	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	
4915-19	CAPITAL RESERVE - ASSESSING	30,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #11
4915-20	CAPITAL RESERVE - FIRE TRK/RES VEH/EQ MAJ MAINT	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	2009 Warrant Article #10
4915-21	CAPITAL RESERVE - CLOSURE MONITORING	500.00	500.00	0.00	
4915-22	CAPITAL RESERVE-MILL BROOK RD CONST/IMPROVE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
4915-23	CAP RESERVE - ROAD PAVING,CONSTRUCTION & REPAIRS	0.00	0.00	13,600.00	2009 Warrant Article #12/ New Capital Reserve being established
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE (4915)	130,000.00	130,000	124,600.00	
	subtotal operating budget	2,322,910	2,290,128	2,306,003	
	subtotal capital reserve items	130,000	130,000	124,600	2009:Article #16
	subtotal capital outlay items	52,700	17,016.19	84,600	
	PRELIMINARY BUDGETED EXP	2,505,610	2,437,143.94	2,515,203	

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	2008 MS-6 Requested funding less Estimated Revenues	2,505,610.00 -1,141,985.00 1,363,625.00		2009 MS-6 Requested Approp less Estimated Revenues 2009	2,515,203.00 -1,025,900.00 1,489,303.00
	2008 ESTIMATE TO BE RAISED THROUGH TAXES			2009 ESTIMATE TO RAISE THROUGH TAXES	
				Estimate to be raised divided by the 2008 Net Valuation of \$343,012,575 = an estimated town portion on tax rate of \$2.31/\$1000	
				(based on 2008 assessed property values) \$10,000 of unmatched spending=approx \$.03 on tax rate	
				this will change with the 2009 net valuation of property	
Expenditures outside Town Budget					
Thornton Central School			3,184,186.00		
Pemi-Baker Regional School District			1,398,200.00		
Grafton County Treasurer			551,869.00		
Interest on abatements and overpayments refunded			28,047.12		

**2009 Town of Thornton
Budget Worksheet for Receipts**

Account #	Account Title	2008 MS4 Est. Revenues	2008 Unaudited Revenues	OVER/UNDER(-)	2009 MS6 Est. Revenues
	TAXES				
3120-10	Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	5,000.00
3185-10	Yield Tax	5,800.00	4,727.82	(1,072.18)	5,000.00
3186-10	Payment in Lieu	22,547.00	0.00	(22,547.00)	23,000.00
3188-13	Excavation tax	1,160.00	1,159.64	(0.36)	1,000.00
3191-10	Interest & Penalties on Taxes CY:		54,011.72		113,000.00
3191-11	Interest & Penalties on Taxes PY:		56,059.42		
3191-12	Interest & Cost-Liens				
3191-13	Interest & Cost-Excavation				
3192-10	Interest & Cost Land Use Chg		1,300.32		
3198-10	Interest-Yield Tax		3.37		
	TOTAL INTEREST	\$60,000.00		111,374.83	
	LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES				
3220-10	Vehicle Registration Fee	390,000.00	392,974.19	2,974.19	380,000.00
3230-10	Building Permit Fees	5,800.00	6,630.33	830.33	2,500.00
3290-10	Dog License Fees		1,813.00		12,000.00
3290-20	Vital Statistics		1,093.00		
3290-25	UCC Filings		484.00		
3290-60	PLBD fees		6,296.03		
3290-61	PLBD regulations				
3290-70	Land Use Change-App Fee		0.00		
	Total Other License, Permits, Fees	8,610.00		1,076.03	
			9,686.03		
	STATE FUNDS				
3351-10	NH Shared Revenue	7,815.00	12,296.00	4,481.00	12,500.00
3352-10	NH Room & Meals	95,682.00	95,681.66	(0.34)	85,000.00
3353-10	NH Highway Block Grant	82,056.00	84,238.27	2,182.27	80,000.00
3356-10	State & Federal Forest	0.00	22,270.00	22,270.00	-
3359-10	Other State Grants & Reimbursement	16,450.00	33,690.51	17,240.51	10,000.00
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3379-10	From other Governments	246,780.00	224,277.94	(22,502.06)	110,000.00
3404-10	Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Charges		27,229.50		
3404-20	Recycling Income		39,812.43		
	Total Income from Dept.'s	79,000.00		102,757.25	88,000.00
3404-30	Ambulance Service		26,519.64		
3501-00	Sale of Municipal Property	8,285.00	3,210.00	(5,075.00)	2,000.00
3504-10	Police Fines and Fees		9,195.68		

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3509-20	Interest - Money Market			7,127.06			
3509-21	Interest - NHPDIP			19,850.55			
	Total Interest on Investments		32,000.00		26,977.61	(5,022.39)	28,000.00
3509-30	Copy Machine Income			626.09			
3509-35	Health/Dental Insurance Contribution			19,759.45			-
3909-25	Redeposit fee/returned checks						
3910-10	Miscellaneous Revenue/Reimb			46,253.44			
3910-11	Fire Dept Reimbursement			5,925.42			
	Total Other/School/Unsur Reim		75,000.00		72,564.40	(2,435.60)	51,500.00
3910-12	CCC/Cert FUNDS						
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN						
3913-00	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund			0.00			-
3915-30	Transfers from Capital Reserves			0.00			27,400.00
3916-00	From Trust & Agency Funds						
	Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes		347,686.00	347,686.00			
			1,489,671.00	1,552,202.48		62,531.48	1,035,900.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
Appropriation Estimates for the Ensuing Fiscal Year
January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>2008 Appropriation</u>	<u>2008 Expenditures</u>	<u>Recommended 2009 Appropriations</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130	Executive	118,122	123,422	124,141.00
4140	Election & Registrations	60,462	61,256	53,478.00
4150	Finance and Office Expense	66,889	55,774	58,544.00
4152	Reappraisal of Property	32,550	23,971	33,550.00
4153	Legal Expense	7,000	6,827	7,000.00
4155	Personnel Administration	279,060	273,614	247,333.00
4191	Planning & Zoning	6,400	6,830	8,100.00
4194	General Government Building	42,950	49,789	31,103.00
4195	Cemeteries	22,000	21,609	24,248.00
4196	Insurance	38,136	37,791	36,872.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Association	3,519	3,486	658.00
4199	Contingency, Maps & Perambulation	10,601	3,550	10,801.00
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210	Police Department	331,568	329,341	352,225.00
4220	Fire Department	283,716	281,816	276,096.00
4240	Building Inspection	8,000	-	1.00
4290	Emergency Management/CCC/CERT	2,500	-	1,000.00
4299	FEMA/Wind storm	-	5,717	0.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4312	Highways & Bridges	511,885	485,754	466,361.00
SANITATION				
4322	Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District	2,403	2,402	2,427.00
4323-4324	Recycling Transfer Station	373,910	374,277	414,464.00
4325	Closure Monitoring	2,700	2,573	3,150.00
4326	Septage Disposal	100	100	100.00
HEALTH				
4415	Health Agencies & Hospital	11,392	11,292	12,028.00
WELFARE & AGENCIES				
4441-4442	General Assistance/Welfare	34,586	29,451	34,724.00
4444	Agencies	34,032	34,032	35,872.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520	Partks & Recreation/Old Home Day	2,501	2,500	1,501.00
4550	Library	46,350	43,993	46,517.00
4583	Patriotic Purposes	500	368	500.00
4611	Conservation Commission	2,200	1,921	700.00
DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Principal-Long Term Loans	15,000	15,000	15,000.00
4721	Interest-Long Term Loans	3,178	3,173	2,509.00
4723	Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000	-	5,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land/Survey	1	-	15,000.00
4902	New Equipment	16,400	15,516	27,400.00
4903	Improvements to Buildings	1	-	0.00
4909	Other	-	-	42,200.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4915	Capital Reserves	130,000	130,000	124,600.00
		2,505,612	2,437,144	2,515,203

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON
Revenue Estimates for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2009- December 31, 2009

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>2008 MS4 Revenues</u>	<u>2008 Unaudited Revenues</u>	<u>2009 Est. Revenues</u>
TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
3185	Yield Tax	5,800.00	4,727.82	5,000.00
3186	Payment in Lieu	22,547.00	-	23,000.00
3188	Excavation tax	1,160.00	1,159.64	1,000.00
3190	Interest & Costs:	60,000.00	111,417.27	113,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES				
3220	Vehicle Registration Fee	390,000.00	392,974.19	380,000.00
3230	Building Permit Fees	5,800.00	6,630.33	2,500.00
3290	Permit & Fees	8,610.00	9,999.13	12,000.00
STATE FUNDS				
3351	NH Shared Revenue	7,815.00	12,296.00	12,500.00
3352	NH Room & Meals	95,682.00	95,681.66	85,000.00
3353	NH Highway Block Grant	82,056.00	84,238.27	80,000.00
3356	State & Federal Forest	-	22,270.00	-
3359	Other State Grants & Reimbursement	16,450.00	33,690.51	10,000.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
3379	Recycle/Landfill from Campton & Ellsworth	246,780.00	108,535.75	110,000.00
3379	School-Library Reimbursement			
CHARGES FOR SERVICE				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	79,000.00	93,561.57	88,000.00
	Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Charges			
	Recycling Income			
	Ambulance Service			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	8,285.00	9,745.16	2,000.00
3502	Interest on Investments	32,000.00	26,977.61	28,000.00
3503-3509	Other	75,000.00	101,483.22	51,500.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER IN				
3913	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-
3915	Transfers from Capital Reserves	-	-	27,400.00
3916	From Trust & Agency	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE & CREDITS		1,141,985.00	1,115,388.13	1,035,900.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Appropriation Recommended	2,505,612.00	2,515,203.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Crec	(1,141,985.00)	(1,035,900.00)
Estimate Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	<u>1,363,627.00</u>	<u>1,479,303.00</u>

2008 REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER

During 2008, the Transfer Station received 1449 tons of municipal solid waste. We also received 496 tons of construction debris. Please call the Transfer Station before starting any project that will generate construction debris.

Recycling market values in 2008 were strong and stayed strong longer than usual. When October rolled around markets came crashing down to the point where recycling was actually costing to be marketed rather than a revenue. This is why you will see below from year to year tonnages go up and down. When markets fall we hang on to our recyclables until markets rebound. This is also why you will see piles grow at the transfer station and then suddenly disappear.

RECYCLING BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cardboard	112 tons	101 tons
Mixed Paper	172 tons	83 tons
Glass	116 tons	113 tons
Aluminum Cans	12 tons	10 tons
Tin Cans	24 tons	16 tons
Plastic	24 tons	19 tons
Textiles	18 tons	17 tons
Waste Oil	1045 gallons	1430 gallons
Automotive Batteries	287 units	206 units
Scrap Metal	211 tons	169 tons
Electronics	8 tons	11 tons

We also opened a new entrance to the facility so the traffic flow will now be a one way situation rather than everyone doing a U turn in front of the recycling building. This also makes sure everyone has to go by the recycling building so no one has an excuse not to recycle! I still see a lot of room to grow as far as recycling is concerned!

This year we also chipped our brush at the facility to make wood chips to be recycled this year. Fuel prices had gotten so high that the market for wood chips rose to a point that we actually made revenue from chipping. This is something we would like to continue for two reasons, one - its better for the environment, two - the day is coming that we wont be allowed to burn brush at the facility.

I would like to thank the townspeople for their recycling efforts; if you had not recycled in 2008 you would have had an additional \$52,828.00 in expenses at the

2008 tipping & hauling rates. Instead, by recycling, we received \$42,233.06 in revenue. This brings the total savings to \$95,061.06

I would also like to thank the crew, Gary Moulton, Donald Howe, Luigi Zanellato, and Kevin McGuire. Thank you.

Please email us at: cttransfer@mail.com or call us at 726-7713 with any questions or comments you may have in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

David C. Hilliard, Manager

Thornton Citizens,

Your Planning Board has had another busy year. This is likely an indication of what we all know, that Thornton is a great place to live! In spite of the economy we still have some developments pending and are still receiving new applications.

The Board received news this year, that past Chairperson, Nancy Byerly passed away. The Board was saddened by this event, and expresses it's condolences to her family.

The Board also accepted with regrets the resignation of Tom Anderson. Tom's value and participation with this board over the years has been immeasurable. His advice, and opinions have always demonstrated his sincere commitment to this Town. We wish Tom and his family a well deserved and rewarding retirement.

The Board has appointed new members to the Master Plan Committee. This committee is now up and running and preparing for the upcoming task of updating the Master Plan. Please be on the lookout for the postings of meetings of the Master Plan Committee. These meetings are open to the public as are all of the Planning Board Meetings and the CIP Meetings. This year the Master Plan Committee will be doing its questionnaire mailing, and the following year will be followed up with the printing of the new Master Plan.

This year the board reviewed 9 new applications for subdivision and 3 site plan reviews along with visiting 4 excavation pits which were up for renewal. This Board has been very active with visiting proposed developments and other applications along with our usual excavation pit process.

Please make an effort to support your Board and all of our sub-committees. Planning Board Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the town office. During the month, there is also a scheduled business meeting. Please check the website, or check the local paper, for other committee meetings. Please plan on attending a meeting, to meet your board and committees, and provide suggestions on how you would like the Board to guide Thornton's growth.

Sincerely,

Barry Van De Moere
Chairman

Thornton Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has been active this year; five cases were heard ranging from equitable waivers, variances and special exceptions. The Board met with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to resolve zoning issues that our town is faced with.

Presently, we have a five member board as required by law. At town meeting last year you voted to allow the Board of Selectmen to also appoint up to five alternate board members.

If you are interested in serving as an Alternate Zoning Board of Adjustment Member. Please submit a letter of interest to the Office of Selectmen.

I would like to thank the Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for all their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully,

James Demeritt, Chairman Zoning Board of Adjustment

Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

James Demeritt, Chairman

David Gravel, Vice Chairman

Dennis Day

Gifford Kriebel

Harry George

Charles Bourret, Alternate Member

Town of Thornton Capital Improvement Program Committee

The Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIPC) had a busy and productive year. The committee began working together at the end of August, 2008 and continued to draft the program through the budget process into January of 2009. The committee had strong participation this year picking up two new volunteers, for a total of 6 resident members and one municipal consultant.

Our process began with letters being sent out to Town of Thornton department heads requesting their capital needs for the period 2009-2018. The CIPC reviewed all submissions to validate the costs, the urgency, the benefits, the fit with existing capital items and the potential implications to the taxpayers of deferment of the requests. A series of draft reports were created and time was spent attending meetings with the department heads, the Planning Board and the Selectboard to present the program and clarify questions. Additionally this year time was spent on the format of the presentation of the program and reflects a 4% inflation rate on items in the out years.

The CIPC is a sub-committee of the Planning Board and seeks to develop a program plan that forecasts major capital projects or purchases, costing \$10,000 or more, designed to meet the capital needs of our growing community. The final program distributes the tax burden of these capital projects and purchases over time at a level rate. A CIP must project out for a minimum of 6 years and often is developed for a 10 year period as is the Thornton CIP.

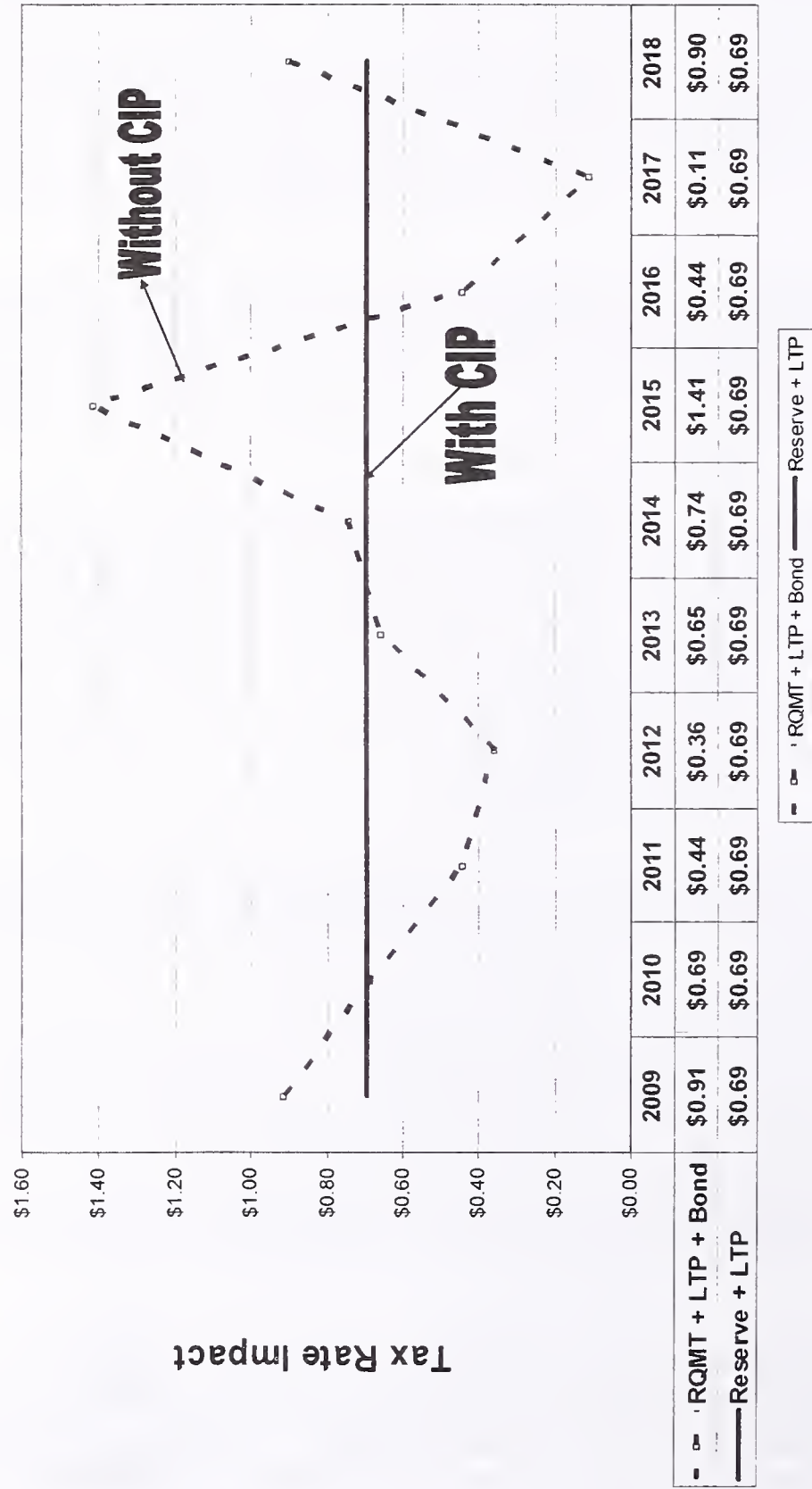
Generally, the program is aligned with a town's Master Plan and supports the equitable assessment of impact fees on a large development project submitted to the Planning Board. The Master Plan is a compilation of data in the form of surveys, maps and related studies that assists the citizens of the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire in assessing and managing their future growth. It is a document that sets out certain goals and calculated needs, yet it is a flexible tool and is realistic reflecting limited resources in a small town. The current plan may be viewed at the town hall.

Attached, please review the Total Capital Requirements (2009-2018) schedule and the Tax Impact graph. The graph projects an erratic tax rate as low as \$.11 and spiking at \$1.41 per \$1000 funding the requirements (RQMT), the Lease to Purchases (LTP) items and the bonds annually over a 10 year period. However funding the Capital Reserve accounts and paying the Lease to Purchase (LTP) items provides for a level funded tax rate of \$.69 annually over the same 10 years. The graph illustrates the benefits of the development and utilization of a Capital Improvement Program in a town budget process. Capital Reserves funds are approved in a warrant article by the citizens of a town to set aside monies for future capital expenditures. In New Hampshire this process is executed in a town meeting format. By using Capital Reserve funds, municipalities are able to reduce their total debt and save millions of taxpayer dollars over time.

The committee would like to thank the Town office staff, department heads and the various board members for their cooperation during this last CIPC season. And lastly, a special THANKS is expressed to Mitch Manseau, municipal consultant, for his hard work and dedication on Thornton's Capital Improvement Program over the last several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Schofield, Chair

Impact of CIP on Tax Rate



PG.64 CIP Correction
Years 2014-201810 Year Total

Total Capital Requirements

2009-2018

	Highway	Roads	Bridges	Fire	Police	Transfer	Building	Assessing	Total
2009									
4x4					29252				
Ford 550 Pickup	41020								
TS Skid Steer Unloader						11130			
Total reassessment								80250	
Town Office Roof							22500		
Emg Paving and Repairs		20000							
Total	<u>41020</u>	<u>20000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29252</u>	<u>11130</u>	<u>22500</u>	<u>80250</u>	<u>204152</u>
2010									
Command Vehicle				12760					
Cruiser # 2					30800				
Fire Truck Overhaul				12540					
Ford 550 Pickup	43071								
Live Floor Transfer						9350			
Emg Paving and Repairs		20000							
Total	<u>43071</u>	<u>20000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25300</u>	<u>30800</u>	<u>9350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>128521</u>
2011									
Sand and Salt Shed	0	21000					78750		
Emg Paving and Repairs	<u>0</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99750</u>
2012									
Cruiser #2					33600				
Town Office Paint							16500		
Defibrillator				12480					
Emg Paving and Repairs		21000							
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>21000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12480</u>	<u>33600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83580</u>
2013									
Plow Truck 6 Ton	150000								
Air Bottles				11783					
Defibrillator				13000					
Emg Paving and Repairs		22000							
Total	<u>150000</u>	<u>22000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>196783</u>

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Thornton Conservation Commission Report-2008

The Thornton Conservation Commission has met regularly over the past year on the first Monday evening of each month (unless there is a holiday) at 6:30 and have been pleased to have had guests interested in what we do several times. Our minutes are on the website and we encourage you to read them and to attend meetings.

We have benefited from numerous training sessions and the annual meeting of the NH Organization of Conservation Commissions. We have been to regional meetings to discuss how Plymouth University might help us with internships. We are presently researching the cost of a natural resources map that would benefit the Selectboard and the Planning board in locating and identifying natural resources. We hope to eventually have this important information available on the Thornton website and in a form that can be updated easily.

We continue to look for ways to support the special places Thornton has that makes living here so special.

Sally Davis, Chair
Timmee Whitmore, Secretary
Steve Shaughnessy

2008 REPORT

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRLAC is one of 15 Local Advisory Committees working on designated rivers around the state. Our focus continues to be water quality in the Pemigewasset River. Bi-weekly monitoring from April to mid September continues to provide a strong (now 6 years) base of water quality data. This data is used to satisfy the state's reporting requirements to the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. Although currently limited to 8 sites – Thornton through Bristol – our data should provide a signal for early signs of potential impairment. Spikes of *E coli* runoff pollution have been noted after significant rain events. A critical step in mitigating this runoff problem is the revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483B) which protects the Pemi as of 7/1/08. CSPA includes improved buffer management and more attention to the potential impact of impervious surfaces resulting from development in the 250' protected shoreland area. PRLAC is now asked to review and comment on all such development applications.

For the first time in our history, PRLAC has been forced to ask Pemi corridor towns for a financial assistance in keeping our basic monitoring activity up and running. Historically we have been funded by NH's Department of Environmental Services through the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). The state is no longer a reliable source of basic funding so we are asking each Pemi town to commit \$200 annually to our program.

Emphasis in 2009 will be on a) expanding water quality monitoring (*E coli*) if lab test costs can be funded, b) milfoil control, c) review of shoreland development permit applications and certain other applications with water quality implications (8 projects reviewed in 2008), d) following up on LRPC's Co-Occurrence Mapping and Analysis project, identifying aquatic resource conservation opportunities that might attract state funds accumulating under the state's Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (currently \$80,000 available for the Pemi watershed).

We have representatives from all towns from Thornton through Bristol except for Ashland and Bridgewater. In October, the efforts of PRLAC and other Local Advisory Committees were recognized with the Volunteer NH! Champions Award. We meet the last Tuesday of most months on the campus of PSU. Call Max Stamp 744-8223 for details if you are interested in attending.

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair
12/6/08

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT – 2008

2008, fortunately, was another year in which there were no major weather-related incidents that impacted the maintenance of our cemeteries. As a result, our superintendent, Brad Benton, was able to continue quality upkeep within budget.

For the Town's entire history to date, cemetery records and data have been maintained manually. Your Trustees believe that we need to transition those activities into the 21st century. As a result of our membership in the New Hampshire Cemetery Association, Trustee Kay Leland has done all the "legwork" in locating an appropriate cemetery data management software and arranging for it to be demonstrated to all the Trustees, as well as to our immediate past Town Clerk, Barbara Sellingham.

We believe that the software program we have reviewed will provide us with 21st century data management for multiple decades into the future, and have included \$2000. in our 2009 budget request to purchase the software, related operator licenses, and support services.

THORNTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Duncan W. Booth

Phyllis B. Holbrook

Katherine A. Leland



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Town of Thornton
16 Merrill Access Road
Thornton, NH 03223

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. The North Country Council has continued its strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. As we all know, these are tough economic times and we will be working with our State and Federal elected officials to do whatever we can to assist our communities economically. We will continue our Community Planning Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We will continue to seek your input as to the communities' needs and, as always, be providing the necessary technical support and education as our resources allow. These programs as well as all the other traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, Brownfields assessments, and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over our Annual Report and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council and hope that I and my staff can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;


Michael King
Executive Director





Raymond S. Burton

January 2009

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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR, RAY BURTON

*Executive Councilor
District One*

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation- Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liasion or at (603) 271-2121.

A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,
Dixville, Dummer, Errol,
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,
Milan, Milledfield, Northumberland,
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,
Whitefield

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,
Croydon, Grantham, Newport
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,
Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,
Ossipee, Sandwich, Temworth,
Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath,
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,
Hebron, Holderness, Landaff,
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford,
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,
Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,
Gilford, Laconia, Meredith,
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

**Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice
2008 Annual Report**

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice strives to provide the citizens of Thornton with a multitude of services and programs. Key initiatives during 2008 have been...

- ☆ Implementing a Hospice Bereavement Program. This program continues with the families after the patient passes away.
- ☆ Performing a total of 1,064 visits for 44 patients in Thornton.
- ☆ Hosting two flu clinics in October at our facility for all community residents.
- ☆ Holding the Annual Hospice Memorial service on September 21, 2008 at 3:00 pm at The Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Fairgrounds Road in Plymouth.
- ☆ Monthly Foot Care Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members for the purpose of grooming toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
- ☆ Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members to help promote healthy living.
- ☆ Community outreach programs included a two part series on Firm Footing and Fall Risk screening to further assist community members in achieving optimal health.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing loyal support of our services and our staff.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Meyer, MSW, Ph.D., Interim Executive Director

Mission Statement

Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice is a non-profit organization serving member towns and surrounding communities by providing health care and hospice services to individuals and families in their homes, in the facility and in the community.

Serving Our Communities Since 1967

101 Boulder Point Drive, Suite 3 - Plymouth, NH 03264 • www.pemibakerhomehealth.org

Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice

Home Health Service Given from 11-01-2007 to 10-31-2008

Program - Thornton

Visits

333 Skilled Nursing Visit --Home Care

6 Skilled Nursing Visit --Hospice

4 No Charge Nursing Evaluation Visit

3 Newborn Visit

513 Licensed Nursing Assistant Visit --Home Care

4 Licensed Nursing Assistant Visit --Hospice

106 Physical Therapy Visit -- Homecare

5 Occupational Therapy Visit

13 Social Worker Visit --Homecare

77 Homemaker Visit

1,064 Total Home Visits

44 Unduplicated Patient Count

Pemi-Baker Aquatic and Wellness Center
Number of Visits for All Patients and Members
January 1, 2008 - November 1, 2008
THORNTON

	<u>Town</u>	<u>PT ID#</u>	<u>Alt ID</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
1	Thornton	469	Aquatic Class	41
2	Thornton	130	Member-Pool	82
3	Thornton	509	Employee	5
4	Thornton	214	Aqu/Empl	31
5	Thornton	187	Member-Gym	70
6	Thornton	188	Member-Combo	49
7	Thornton	566	Aquatic Class	13
8	Thornton	219	Member-Pool	15
9	Thornton	776	Employee - Gym	2
10	Thornton	503	Aquatic Class	11
11	Thornton	175	Member-Combo	11
12	Thornton	468	Aquatic Class	41
13	Thornton	247	Member-Pool	27
14	Thornton	476	Member-Pool	43
15	Thornton	459	Member-Pool	7
16	Thornton	641	Aquatic Class	1
17	Thornton	321	Aqu/Empl	3
18	Thornton	482	Member-Pool	6
19	Thornton	673	Aquatic Class	9
20	Thornton	687	PT Patient	10
21	Thornton	228	PT Patient	6
22	Thornton	447	PT Patient	7
23	Thornton	14	PT Patient	0
24	Thornton	507	PT Patient	7
25	Thornton	167	PT Patient	14
26	Thornton	704	PT Patient	10
27	Thornton	506	PT Patient	6
28	Thornton	369	PT Patient	10
29	Thornton	479	PT Patient	6
30	Thornton	349	PT Patient	14
31	Thornton	710	PT Patient	9
32	Thornton	450	PT Patient	1
33	Thornton	18	PT Patient	7
34	Thornton	109	PT Patient	12
35	Thornton	570	PT Patient	1
36	Thornton	141	PT Patient	28
37	Thornton	270	PT Patient	18
38	Thornton	558	PT Patient	0
39	Thornton	545	PT Patient	1
40	Thornton	407	PT Patient	2
41	Thornton	350	PT Patient	29
42	Thornton	675	PT Patient	8
43	Thornton	501	PT Patient	4
44	Thornton	438	PT Patient	10
45	Thornton	778	PT Patient	0
			TOTAL:	687



February 5, 2009

To the Residents of Thornton:

Thank you!!!

The appropriation that we received from the Town of Thornton's 2008 budget has helped us to cover the costs of providing emergency mental health care to residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2008 (ending June 30, 2008), a total of 47 Thornton residents came to Genesis seeking help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Age Range	Number of Clients
Ages 1 – 17	13
Ages 18 – 59	33
Age 60 and over	1
<i>Total</i>	47

At Genesis we strive to enhance the quality of life in our communities by providing services that promote recovery from mental illness and emotional distress, in collaboration with clients, families and our community partners. Our staff is accountable for placing individuals on the path to recovery from mental illness and aiding them in their daily lives throughout the process.

We specialize in individual and group counseling and psychiatric services. We work with our most persistently ill patients on basic life skills such as public interaction and stable employment. We help parents and children to foster strong family relationships. Working with local police and fire departments, we provide emergency services 24 hours a day 7 days a week to residents of any age who are going through a mental health crisis.

Your financial support has helped to support our work with children, families and adults. The services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health help improve the quality of life for so many and yet are rarely covered by insurance plans or state programs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard
Executive Director



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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Programs

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-711-7787)

*Grafton County Senior Citizens
Council, Inc. is an equal
opportunity provider.*

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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2008, 117 older residents of Thornton were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

- Older adults from Thornton enjoyed 1,829 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 5,328 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Thornton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 887 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 160 visits with a trained outreach worker and 56 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Thornton's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 75 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Thornton residents in 2008 was \$62,141.05.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Thornton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, *Executive Director*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Thornton

October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 117 Thornton residents (out of 291 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	x	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	=	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	7,157	x	\$6.33	\$	45,303.81
Transportation	Trips	887	x	\$10.87	\$	9,641.69
ServiceLink	Contacts	56	x	\$33.39	\$	1,869.84
Social Services	Half-hours	159.5	x	\$33.39	\$	5,325.71
Activities		308		N/A		

Number of Thornton volunteers: 4. Number of Volunteer Hours: 75.25

GCSCC cost to provide services for Thornton residents only	\$	<u>62,141.05</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2008	\$	2,000.00
Received from Town of Thornton for 2008	\$	2,000.00
Request for Senior Services for 2009	\$	<u>3,100.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Contributions 8%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Financial Statements for GCSCC
Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008

October 1-September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2007	FY2008
Dining Room Meals	82,616	79,133
Home Delivered Meals	133,140	140,760
Transportation (Trips)	46,143	47,450
Adult Day Service (Hours)	11,393	8,578
Adult In Home Care	15,483	17,464
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	6,753	6,391
ServiceLink	5,383	6,346
Number of individuals served	6,486	6,903

COST PER UNIT OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY2007	FY2008
Congregate/home delivered meals	\$6.20	\$6.33
Transportation (per trip)	\$9.91	\$10.87
Adult Day Service (hour of Service)	\$18.04	\$19.58
Social Services (per half-hour)	\$30.99	\$33.39
Adult In-Home Care (hour of service)	\$21.50	\$19.34

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
KATHLEEN JABLONSKI, EXTENSION EDUCATOR AND COUNTY OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY, OCTOBER, 2008

UNHCE continues to bring education and research to the citizens of Grafton County through a variety of educational programs in the areas of agricultural resources, family and consumer resources, including Nutrition Connections, forest and wildlife resources, and 4-H youth development. Local staff, in conjunction with Extension specialists housed at UNH in Durham, addresses the needs of Grafton County's citizens. The statewide dairy specialist is housed at the Grafton County office. The staff utilize multiple approaches to reach the maximum number of participants through media connections, internet, email, one-on-one sessions and workshops. Trained volunteers at the Family, Home & Garden Education Center based in Manchester, answer consumer questions throughout the year in all subject matter areas. The Extension Advisory Council, a 14 member volunteer board of Grafton County residents, is chaired by Denis Ward of Monroe. The Advisory Council's main duties are to help create and oversee the UNHCE county budget, approve programmatic changes, evaluate staff and hire replacement educators for the programs.

Family and Consumer Resources Educator Deborah Maes has continued to provide SERVSAFE© and other food safety programs to Grafton County and beyond. Maes is a member of the statewide Food Safety Team. Over 40 individuals were nationally certified in the past year, including employees of the Grafton County Nursing Home. The *Making Money Work for You* course, focusing on basic money management skills, has been taught in several county locations in collaboration with the Bridge House, Whole Village Family Resource Center, AHEAD, Inc. of Littleton, and area banks.

During his last year before retirement, Tom Buob, Agriculture Resources Educator, provided support to state vegetable specialist Becky Grube in field testing varieties for New Hampshire farms through partnering with local producers. Extension has worked with local farms to implement diversification of farm products and evaluate field tests of crops. Commercial and non-commercial growers were provided with pesticide education and recommendations. In conjunction with the agricultural educators across the state, Buob has worked extensively to create and maintain the state's soil testing program, set up on-line data submission and retrieval and train statewide staff in county-based management of the system as well as negotiating relationships with Penn State for analysis. In addition, Buob has served on the Legislative appointed biosolids committee.

Nutrition Connections Educational Program Coordinator Robin Peters continues to teach to the needs of adults and youth with limited resources. Nutrition classes were provided to residents at the Friendship House in Bethlehem. A pilot program with Operation Frontline was offered to residents at the Bridge House in Plymouth. Other agencies sponsoring nutrition classes included the Peer Support Center, Child and Family Services, Parenting Plus and Lane House all in Littleton. The Upper Valley Senior Center in Lebanon and the Grafton County Academy Program received nutrition education. Parent groups from Head Start programs in Littleton, Ashland, Plymouth and Lebanon received hands-on nutrition and cooking skills workshops.

Working as part of UNHCE's Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, Maes and UNH's Michele Gagne worked with Rumney residents to organize a two-day Community Profile in May of 2007. Locally based action groups have continued the work of the Profile, primarily in the area of Natural Resources, Land Conservation and Communications. Rumney has had several community wide meetings to inform and educate the public about their local natural resources. Many of these were taught or hosted by Extension Forester Nory Parr, Maes and Gagne continue to be a resource to the community. Non-profit groups have also been helped in their strategic planning efforts by Extension staff.

In his retirement year, Extension Forester Northam Parr has continued to provide woodlot management advice to landowners, participated in the County Farm committee, overseen statewide licensing of forestry professionals and hosted workshops for the Forest Steward's Guild. After the past year's severe wind damage, Parr worked with many of the affected landowners. Special sessions were held in Lyme, Orford and Bethlehem to discuss options for damaged timberlands. Other workshops presented include: Forest Laws for Municipal Officials, Current Use Laws, Forest Access Road and Best Management Practices, Wildlife Habitats and Erosion on the Baker River.

Michal Lunak, Extension's Dairy Specialist, continues to work with area farms on management practices and economic stability. He also meets with farm families to facilitate a seamless transition from one generation to the next. He has coordinated the statewide dairy conference and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association state show. In November, 2007, he worked with 40 college-age contestants in the National Dairy Challenge. Lunak continues to work with the state veterinarian on farm bio-security issues. Risk Management Agency (RMA) funding continued throughout 2007. Educational sessions focused on crop diversification, pest management, biofuel crops, and quality forages.

Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development, Kathy Jablonski, continues to oversee the recruitment, training and screening of the 4-H leaders in Grafton County. In the 2007-2008 year, 111 screened leaders gave their time and energy to support 23 4-H clubs, 20 county wide events and the North Haverhill Fair, Eastern States Exposition and a half dozen statewide and regional contests. In August, 2008, she worked with a statewide committee to offer a two-day Focus on Home, Hotel and Interior Design Career Awareness field trip for 31 teens, featuring businesses in Grafton County. As part of the 4-H after school work team, curriculum support materials for educators working with after-school programs have been created, statewide training given and 4-H curriculum put into use. Two sites, REACH (Littleton) and A+ (Plymouth area), worked to implement continued 4-H after school programming with the help of JC Penney grants. Support was given to the Nutrition Connections grant by teaching courses for Woodsville Headstart, Haverhill Cooperative Middle School and Warren Village School.

Both Lunak and Jablonski continue to serve on the interdisciplinary UNHCE team sponsoring the Natural Resources Business Institute, a 13 week college level course to teach participants how to operate a business based on natural resources. The fall 2007 session was offered in Whitefield with 17 businesses represented. The successful North Country Farm Fresh Cooperative is a result of that class. A session is currently being taught at UNH's Thompson School with 22 businesses represented.

Plymouth State University collaborations have dotted the work of several of our educators this past year. Interns from PSU assisted and observed Nutrition Connections programming, designed and accomplished nutritional presentations and participated in "mock" interviews as part of their career preparation. 4-H Youth Development teamed with Dr. Anne Holba and the Robert Frost Forensics Society to create a series of public speaking workshops for 4-H members and other interested youth. The agricultural resources educator, forestry educator and dairy specialist have worked with the Center for Rural Development in creating a sustainability plan for the County Farm. In a reciprocal agreement with Belknap County, Extension Educator Sue Cagle taught the program Guiding Challenging Children to over 20 child care providers and parents at Plymouth State University, while Deb Maes taught SERVSAFE© courses in Belknap County. Two forest management workshops were taught by Northam Parr as part of the Continuing Education Division's public outreach program.

While employed as the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Dana Karuza Tulp, coordinated the efforts of the Grafton County Master Gardeners, providing support for their course work, community service projects and their County Farm garden project. As part of her role with the 4-H program, Tulp taught two sessions in after school programming and provided assistance with county events. Her replacement, Arianne Fosdick, joined the staff in April and continues to work with master gardeners, 4-H after school programs and volunteers working with county wide 4-H events. She coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program which served 61 youth and their families.

The administrative assistant staff continues to provide frontline support and referrals for all of our program areas. With the help of Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee, we continue to help the citizens of Grafton County access the most current practices developed by research and technology of the University of New Hampshire and other cooperating land grant universities.

For more information about UNHCE, Grafton County, contact our office at the County Administration Building, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy., Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774, or call 787-6944. Our County Calendar of Events can be viewed at: <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen E. Jablonski, M.Ed. UNHCE, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

YEAR 2008 COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORT

TOWN OF THORNTON

Community Contact is the field service arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to solve individual problems and to meet their needs through individual and/or group self help efforts. C.A.P. staff accomplished this purpose by providing information, counseling and by effectively linking and utilizing community resources. If possible, we also may assist with Emergency Fund dollars in the form of vouchers.

CATEGORY	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	SERVICE UNITS
1. FOOD/HOUSING	Emergency food pantry/Food Stamp referrals, Emer. Housing/Sec. Dep. Loans, Tenant/landlord relations, Landlord lists	28
2. ENERGY	Elec. Disconnects, Fuel outages, Home repairs, Weatherization, Fuel wood, Heat source repair requests, Furnace issues	240
3. HOMELESS	Assistance to the homeless or those in imminent danger of being homeless	15
4. INCOME/BUDGET COUNSELING	Employment/job training referrals, Debt &/or money management, financial plan reviews, Welfare referrals	48
5. HEALTH ISSUES	Medicare/Medicaid info/referrals, Mental health, Dental, Substance abuse, Emer. Response Units, Breast cancer awareness.	23
6. TRANSPORTATION	Area public transportation info, car pool info, Information re: Senior transportation for medical and other needs	3
7. OTHER ISSUES	Clothing Vouchers, Domestic Violence Program referrals, Legal Aide referrals, Children's Hat & Mitten Program	13

TOTAL SERVICE UNITS:

370

2008 Town Report
Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber's 38th year representing the businesses of our region has been a challenging one. I am proud to report that we have continued our positive track record as a representative and advocate of the local businesses and a first stop for the tourists. Having a well-established Tourism Development Program – each of our four communities has received a 400% increase in revenue generated by the state's Rooms & Meals Tax over a nine-year period! – our focus in 2008 has been a proactive approach to the current economy as it pertains to local business services. This focus has resulted in:

New! Central NH Economic Forecast Luncheon Forum – In September, Governor John Lynch, Executive Councilor Ray Burton and Senator Deb Reynolds spoke at our Economic Forecast Luncheon along with notable economist Russell Thibeault of Applied Economics and tourism specialist, Dr. Mark Okrant of PSU.

New! Business Breakfast Series – Advocacy, Education & Information events sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank to support our local businesses; included 5 Business Breakfast Series with themes varying from financing to marketing.

New! Community Street Maps – These free, detailed maps provide much-needed information for individual streets within Campton, Thornton, Plymouth and Waterville Valley heretofore not available to relocations and community residents

New! Communities & Consequences – The state of New Hampshire is currently ranked 5th as the oldest (demographically speaking) state in the nation, recently overtaking the state of FLORIDA, with our workforce-age residents (25-45 years of age) leaving the state in droves. The Chamber has initiated a call-to-arms to the community governments in central New Hampshire, hoping to avert the potential decline of our towns and declining workforce critical to the future of our businesses.

New! 2009 Gateway Discount Cards – A simple, clean and effective means of introducing new customers to area businesses, new and existing, while offering steep discounts to employees, residents and visitors throughout the region. Participation in this promotion is free to Chamber member businesses.

Hometown Guide Book – This annual, 52-page publication highlights community organizations and municipality information, maps, business resources and a full member directory for Campton, Thornton, Plymouth and Waterville Valley. A copy is direct-mailed to 6,000 regional residents and businesses with another 9,000 distributed to business/residential relocations.

E-Mail Broadcasts – These alerts, along with our bi-monthly *Chamber News & Views* provide regional businesses with updates, current legislative issues and member news.

In Tourism Development, we remain unparalleled in efforts to strengthen our position in this, the largest economic factor in the region. Collaborations with state agencies and their funding, neighboring Chambers of Commerce and the local Hospitality Industry professionals have resulted in such programs as Getaway Packaging, *New Hampshire Central Magazine*, and new in 2008, a collaborative effort between the Chamber and the Lakes Region Association, entitled “**Yuletide Magic**”. This \$30,000 program utilizes media from here to Boston to promote the early winter public events, tax-free shopping, lodging, dining and attractions leading up to Christmas week and beyond. Tourists turn to the Chamber as an excellent source of information for the region. The Visitor Center continues to be a popular stop for tourists heading up the interstate with over 30,000 visits in 2008. The website is growing in popularity with 1.7 million hits and over a quarter million of page views for the year. We provided the public with many services such as White Mountain National Forest information and parking passes, hunting and fishing licenses, ATV & snowmobile Registrations.

Our mission remains constant: to serve, educate, protect and promote our 240 member businesses and the economic environment of our primary service area: Campton, Thornton, Plymouth and Waterville Valley. Our continued success is evident in the 28 businesses that joined our association in 2008.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, our sincere appreciation and gratitude is extended to all of you, as well as the many volunteers who support our good works.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher J. Bolan, WVRCC President/CEO

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

2008 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2008. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries.

The District held two one-day HHW collections in 2008 (Lisbon and Plymouth). 204 vehicles serving an estimated 490 residents took part in the “program”. This was an increase of 24 vehicles from 2007. There were also towns that brought waste that had been dropped off at their transfer stations since the last collections held in the fall of ‘07.

Table 1. 2008 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2008	2	29,971	204	490	1.63%

Table 2. 2004 – 2008 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2004	3	26,627	253	607	2.27%
2005	3	26,627	209	502	1.88%
2006	3	26,627	386	926	3.48%
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%
2008	2	29,971	204	490	1.63%

* Derived by multiplying the number of vehicles by 2.4 (the average household size)

The total cost for the one-day collection program was \$28,680, which was a 27% increase from 2007. Income to offset this expenditure was received from participating non-District towns (\$2,875) and the NHDES HHW grant program (\$7,300), resulting in a net cost of \$18,505. The cost increase for the 2008 program can be attributed to three factors; (1) An increase in the amount of non-processable paints collected, (2) an increase in the amount of pesticides collected, and (3) a significant increase in the charges associated with the Materials Recovery Fee (MRF) – see table 5. The MRF correlates with the price of diesel fuel. Due to high diesel prices at the time of the collections, the District was assessed a fee rate of 17.5%. The rise in the amount of money the District has paid in MRFs in recent years is a concern. As part of a coordinated program with North Country Council (NCC), the District will be looking at proposals from a number of HHW contractors to determine if there are more cost effective means to manage the one-day collection program in 2009.

Table 3. 2008 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle
2008	29,971	204	490	\$28,680	\$.96	\$141

Table 4. 2004 – 2008 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle
2004	26,627	253	607	\$22,342	\$0.84	\$88
2005	26,627	209	502	\$22,015	\$0.83	\$105
2006	26,627	386	926	\$30,980	\$1.16	\$80
2007	29,971	181	432	\$22,500	\$0.75	\$124
2008	29,971	204	490	\$28,680	\$0.96	\$141

Table 5. Breakout of HHW Costs (2006 – 2008)

Year	# of Collection	Disposal Costs	Site Set-up Fees	Materials Recovery Fees	MRF Rate	Total Costs
2006	3	\$25,100	\$2,700	\$3,090	11%	\$30,890
2007	2	\$18,300	\$1,800	\$2,300	11.5%	\$22,400
2008	2	\$22,500	\$1,900	\$4,300	17.5%	\$28,700

An estimated 37,100 pounds of material was collected in this year's program, approximately 7% more than in 2007. The cost per pound was \$0.77.

Table 7. 2008 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Lbs/ Vehicle	Lbs/ "Participant"	Cost/lb.
2008	204	490	37,100	\$28,680	182	76	\$0.77

Table 8. 2004-2008 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Lbs/ Vehicle	Lbs/ "Participant"	cost/lb.
2004	253	607	32,176	\$22,342	127	53	\$0.69
2005	209	502	33,090	\$22,015	158	66	\$0.66
2006	386	926	45,408	\$30,980	118	49	\$0.68
2007	181	432	34,528	\$22,500	191	80	\$0.65
2008	204	490	37,100	\$28,680	182	76	\$0.77

In 2009, residents from District communities will be able to participate in at least two one-day collections. NCC is hoping to secure a third location as well. The exact dates and locations have not been set at this time, but the collections will be held sometime in late summer or early fall. In conjunction with the one-day collection program, many towns collected paint, used-oil, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries at their municipal facilities. These programs typically provide less expensive recycling options while offering residents more opportunities to properly dispose of their hazardous materials. Residents should contact their local recycling center or town office to see what programs are available in their community.

The District dealt with legislative issues as well. HB 1429, which would have impacted landfill operations in New Hampshire, posed serious concerns to the District. As drafted, HB 1429 had the potential to decrease landfill capacity in the State, decreasing competition, which could lead to higher disposal and transportation costs. The District sent a letter to the Senate Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee in opposition to HB 1429 and some members testified in opposition as well. The bill reemerged from committee hearings as HB 1471, a directive to the Department of Environmental Services to prepare a plan and proposal for legislative action in the 2009 legislative session addressing a number of items relating to solid waste management.

2009 will likely be a challenging year for many municipal recycling programs as they deal with budget issues and the recent slump in the prices paid for recyclables. However, the District is very fortunate to have a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators and committee representatives. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address please be sure to use the resources you have at your availability. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are also welcomed to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices or at NCC.

Respectively submitted,

Robert Berti,
Chairman, PBSWD

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-- THORNTON --

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2008000746	COLLINS, RYAN J	THORNTON, NH	O'SULLIVAN, HEATHER	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	LINCOLN	03/08/2008
2008001419	PERSON, GARRETT A	THORNTON, NH	SMITH, TIFFANY J	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	MOULTONBOROUGH	04/18/2008
2008001564	SODERBERG, JOHN A	THORNTON, NH	XU, MEIFANG	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	05/07/2008
2008003171	HOBART, ALLEN R	THORNTON, NH	GREENWOOD, LINDA J	THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	THORNTON	06/25/2008
2008003716	GASTON, ROBERT L	JACKSON, CA	FRASER, KELLEY A	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	07/15/2008
2008003974	DAY, DANIEL	THORNTON, NH	MCHATTON, DOREEN M	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	07/19/2008
2008004417	SCRIMSHAW, NORMAN S	THORNTON, NH	GARNER, CYNTHIA J	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	08/02/2008
2008004885	FEATHER, WILLIAM H	THORNTON, NH	TAOKA, AUBREY M	CAMPTON, NH	CAMPTON	CAMPTON	08/09/2008
2008005162	HILTON, PETER W	THORNTON, NH	HARRINGTON, CHERYL A	THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	08/15/2008
2008007866	SCHMIDT, THOMAS A	THORNTON, NH	WEEKS, STACI M	CAMPTON, NH	CAMPTON	CAMPTON	10/25/2008
2008008718	PELTIER, MATTHEW L	THORNTON, NH	ALLISON, ANGELE E	MOUNTAIN HOME, ID	THORNTON	THORNTON	12/22/2008

Total number of records 11

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT CIVIL UNION REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

-- THORNTON --

SFN	Person A Name	Person A Residence	Person B Name	Person B Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Civil Union	Date of Civil Union
2008000310	JOHNSON,FREDERIC L	THORNTON,NH	REED,MARK E	THORNTON,NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	05/10/2008
Total number of records 1							

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2008-12/31/2008

--THORNTON--

SFN	Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2008000043	BALGACH,BRADFORD CHRISTOPHER	01/01/2008	PLYMOUTH,NH	BALGACH,STEPHEN	BALGACH,JOANNA
2008002387	OLDENBURG,TURNER CONRAD	03/10/2008	LACONIA,NH	OLDENBURG,CONRAD	OLDENBURG,JENNIFER
2008003773	PAMPLIN,RACHEL ADELE	04/17/2008	PLYMOUTH,NH	PAMPLIN,JAMES	PAMPLIN,DIANA
2008004926	COLANGELO,TREY EDWARD	05/15/2008	LACONIA,NH	COLANGELO,JULIO	CORDERO,LEAH
2008005369	ARMSTRONG,RAEGAN PAIGE	05/27/2008	PLYMOUTH,NH	ARMSTRONG,JAMES	ARMSTRONG,NADINE
2008006284	MANSEAU,CAEDON JACOB	06/14/2008	CONCORD,NH	MANSEAU,JACOB	MANSEAU,SHAUNNA
2008006402	KETTNER,JONATHAN DAVID	06/20/2008	PLYMOUTH,NH	KETTNER,JONATHAN	KETTNER,HEATHER
2008007032	MITCHELL,FENIX XAVIER	07/01/2008	LEBANON,NH	MITCHELL,BRYAN	COIT,KRISTINA
2008008056	MARING,LUCY LOURDES	08/03/2008	PLYMOUTH,NH	MARING,JASON	MARING,MELISSA
2008008504	MURRAY,BRODIE DOMINIK	08/14/2008	LITTLETON,NH		BUREAU,ASHLEE

Total number of records 10

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008

--THORNTON, NH --

SFN	Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
2008000401	SELLERS JR, BRUCE	01/15/2008	THORNTON	SELLERS SR, BRUCE	CROOM, ARLENE	Y
2008002051	BENTON, ALTON	03/11/2008	THORNTON	BENTON, SCOTT	MERRILL, EVELYN	N
2008002143	PIERCE, NELLIE	03/12/2008	NEW LONDON	THAYER, DENNIS	UNKNOWN, DELIAH	N
2008002152	BERRY, MARY ANN	03/17/2008	PLYMOUTH	HALEY, CHARLES	VILEILARDI, ELEANOR	N
2008002936	BARNARD JR, CLARENCE	04/08/2008	LACONIA	BARNARD SR, CLARENCE	CONNOR, ELIZABETH	Y
2008002961	HERING, LORRAINE	04/10/2008	MEREDITH	HOURLIHAN, FRANCIS	DOUCETTE, NELLIE	N
2008003779	MILTON, MATTHEW	05/11/2008	PLYMOUTH	MILTON, TIMOTHY	MILLER, VIRGINIA	N
2008003805	DUGUAY, BRANDY	05/11/2008	RUMNEY	DUGUAY, THOMAS	ROMMEL, ROBYN	N
2008006402	COVELL JR, RALPH	08/18/2008	THORNTON	COVELL, RALPH	DYKENS, HELEN	N
2008006596	GUERTIN, HELEN	08/23/2008	FRANKLIN	PELLETIER, PAUL	UNKNOWN, LOTTIE	N
2008007802	CAUDILL, BERTHA	10/09/2008	THORNTON	PITMAN, ELIHUE	BRUNER, AMANDA	N
2008008637	BERRY, KEVIN	11/09/2008	PLYMOUTH	BERRY, EDWARD	KILKENNY, EDWINA	Y
2008010008	DAY, PAUL	12/26/2008	THORNTON	DAY, ROBERT	MCCOMBIE, JEAN	N

Total number of records 13

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**NOTICE FROM
TOWN OF THORNTON
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

**STARTING
MONDAY
JANUARY 5, 2009**

**THORNTON TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
HOURS**

MONDAY	8AM	5PM
TUESDAY	8AM	5PM
WEDNESDAY	8AM	5PM
THURSDAY	8AM	5PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED	

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	726-4232
TOWN HALL (all other)	726-8168



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

December 11, 2008

Subject: Private Well Strategy
Water Quality Testing

Dear Health Officer:

The Department of Environmental Services ("DES") is writing to ask for your support in placing the attached advertisement in your 2009 Town Report and on your town's web site.

DES continues to alert all citizens to the importance of having a comprehensive water quality test done on their private wells. Radioactivity and Arsenic, in particular, are still common NH well contaminants that have not been tested for in private wells.

The advertisement is attached and you may arrange the information to suit the space available.

We ask that you contact the correct town official in charge of preparing the report and try to ensure that this information is included. Please update us by telephone or email as to whether or not you were successful.

We have paper copies of the "Protect Your Family..." brochures in English and Spanish versions available upon request. These could be placed at various town buildings. Please contact me for copies. Please post the attached advertisement in your town buildings.

Please call me with any questions at 271-2952 or by email at *bernard.lucey@des.nh.gov*.

Sincerely,

Bernard Lucey, P. E.
Senior Engineer
Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

Protect Your Family Test Your Well

Common Health Related Contaminants In NH Wells

**Radon
Uranium
Gross Alpha
Radium
Lead/Copper**

**Arsenic
Fluoride
Bacteria
Nitrate/Nitrite
and other contaminants**

Please see the document below for further information:

www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/well_testing.pdf

The Spanish version is available at:

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/pozosartesianos.pdf



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF CONTROL DEFICIENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Thornton
Thornton, New Hampshire

In planning and reporting our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Thornton as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Thornton's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Thornton's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Thornton's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town of Thornton's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town of Thornton's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town of Thornton's internal control. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control.

Preparation of Financial Statements

Due to the limited resources (time, personnel) available in the Town, the Board of Selectmen has requested that our firm prepare the financial statements and footnote disclosures for them to review and approve. This does not violate professional independence standards as the Board of Selectmen takes responsibility for the statements and is the most cost effective option for the Town.

Since there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Board of Selectmen's review of the financial statements, we consider this to be a significant deficiency in internal control. We recommend that the Board of Selectmen annually evaluate whether it is cost effective to allocate resources to prepare the financial statements and disclosures.

Intergovernmental Agreements

The Town has two intergovernmental agreements for fire service and disposal of solid waste which expired in July 2007. The agreements have not yet been renewed, but business is continuing as before.

We recommend that the agreements be renewed as soon as possible for the protection of all parties. There could be legal ramifications if an accident or disaster were to occur, and insurance claims were filed for recovery.

Investment Policy and Code of Ethics

The Town has not adopted a formal investment policy as required by the provisions of the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA 41:29). Also, the Board of Selectmen have not adopted a universal code of ethics or conflict of interest provisions for its members, and Town employees.

We suggest that the Board of Selectmen adopt an investment policy and a universal code of ethics for all members and employees. The Local Government Center has published a Basic Financial Policies handbook which could be used as a guide.

We also noted the following issues of noncompliance with State statutes.

Failure of Tax Collector to File Redemption Reports in a Timely Manner

We had noted in the prior year that the tax collector was not in compliance with RSA 80:70, covering the reporting of tax redemptions. The statute requires that the tax collector notify the register of deeds within 30 days of full redemption. Only two redemption reports were filed in 2006. In 2007, four reports were filed resulting in compliance with the statutory requirement for 26% of redemptions..

We recommend that the new tax collector comply with the 30 day requirement covering the reporting of redemptions to the registry of deeds.

Tax Collector and Town Clerk Deposits

The statutes covering the timely depositing of receipts by the tax collector and town clerk require weekly deposits or daily, if funds received total over \$500. The Town Administrator has been making the deposits to a bank which is approximately 20 minutes away. However, they are not always made daily when funds are over the \$500 amount, which means that the officials are not in compliance with the State statutes.

The responsible officials should take steps to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements. Consideration could be given to utilizing a lock box system in the case of tax collector receipts, which would facilitate the receipt and deposit process.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of selectmen, others within the organization, and state and federal agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

December 12, 2008

J. Harding & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

John C. Harding, CPA

John F. Fullerton

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To the Commissioners
Waterville Estates Village District
Campton, New Hampshire

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activity, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Waterville Estates Village District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Waterville Estates Village District, as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Waterville Estates Village District has not presented the management discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information on page 18 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

J. Harding & Company, PLLC

Plymouth, New Hampshire
February 6, 2009

Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

WATERVILLE ESTATES VILLAGE DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities				
General Government				
Administration	\$ 144,646	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (144,646)
Building	219,547			(219,547)
Water	120,885	-	3,903	(116,982)
Roads	246,090	723	-	(245,367)
Depreciation	96,350	-	-	(96,350)
Public safety	22,441	-	-	(22,441)
Interest on long-term debt	20,624	-	-	(20,624)
Total Governmental Activities	870,583	723	3,903	(865,957)
Business Type Activities:				
Recreation Center	399,884	400,363	-	479
Total business-type activities	399,884	400,363	-	479
Total primary government	\$ 1,270,467	\$ 401,086	\$ 3,903	\$ (865,478)
Primary Government				
		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:				
Net (expense) revenue		\$ (865,957)	\$ 479	\$ (865,478)
General Revenues:				
Real estate taxes		1,055,097	-	1,055,097
Interest income		9,210	25	9,235
Betterment assessment		5,215	-	5,215
Gain on sale of assets		36,300	-	36,300
Miscellaneous		772	-	772
Transfers		1,294	(1,294)	-
Total general revenues and transfers		1,107,888	(1,269)	1,106,619
Change in net assets		241,931	(790)	241,141
Net assets - beginning of year		2,286,493	1,918	2,288,411
Net assets - end of year		<u>\$ 2,528,424</u>	<u>\$ 1,128</u>	<u>\$ 2,529,552</u>



Howard Johnson Cabins & Restaurant was located on the corner of Route 3 and Laundromat Road.

OFFICERS OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board	Term Expires
Wendy Johnston	2009
Barry Van DeMoere	2010
Melinda Johnston	2010
VACANT	2011
Scot Woolfenden	2011

CLERK

Lynne Campbell

TREASURER

Beth Matthew

MODERATOR

Robert Gannett

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark J. Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel F. Gaides

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen A. Boyle

Moderator Robert Gannett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Thornton Central School Principal Jonathan Bownes, SAU #48 Superintendent Mark Halloran and Assistant Superintendent Kathy Boyle were introduced. School Board members were introduced Barry VanDemoere, Melinda Johnston, Scot Woolfenden, Wendy Johnston and Timothy Tyler.

A gift of appreciation and recognition was given to John Taffner for his many years of service to the School Board.

A motion was made to dispense the reading of the Warrant in its entirety, the motion was seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was passed by voice vote.

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five million two hundred ninety-nine thousand (\$5,299,000) for renovations and an addition to the building and purchase of equipment to authorize the issuance of not more than five million two hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$5,299,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds ballot vote required.) (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 1. There was discussion and a secret ballot vote followed. Article 1 did not pass with a vote of 210 Yes and 141 No

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million four hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$2,495,000.00) for the alternate construction plan of an addition to the present school building, including furnishings, equipment, architectural, engineering and other fees, site development and any other items incidental to and necessary for construction, on land presently owned by the Thornton School District and to authorize the issuance of not more than (\$2,495,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate a (ten to twenty year bond) or note to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Two-thirds ballot vote required.) (Submitted by Petition) (The School Board does not recommend this appropriation.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 2. There was discussion and a secret ballot vote followed. Article 2 did not pass with a vote of 242 No and 20 Yes.

Article 3: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers. A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 3. There was no discussion and Article 3 passed by voice vote.

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the

collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increases
2009-2009	\$14,423
2009-2010	\$15,141
2010-2011	\$16,228

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred twenty-three dollars (\$14,423) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 4. There was a brief discussion and Article 4 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for contingency fund. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Major vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 5. There was no discussion and article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) for the purpose of building renovations, other required building materials, or a portable classroom in order to alleviate classroom overcrowding. This article will be null and void if Article 1 (School Board's Bond article) is approved. (The School Board recommends this article.) (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6.

An Amendment was proposed for Article 6 for \$330,000 to build a two story in-fill. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amendment to Article 6. There was discussion and the amendment to the amendment passed by a voice vote of 73 Yes and 44 No.

Article 6 now reads: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) for the purpose of building an addition to the current school building. This is a 2 story addition and is to be approximately 2,021 square feet. There was discussion and a secret ballot vote followed. Amendment 6 passed with a vote of 93 Yes and 37 No.

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight million seven hundred ninety-three thousand four hundred eighty-four dollars (\$8,793,484) for the support of schools, for payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 1, 4, 5 and 6 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. (The School

Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.) A motion was made and seconded to accept Article 7. There was discussion and an amendment was made to change the total requested to \$3,684,484.00, due to results of previous votes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amended article. There was discussion on Article 7.

An amendment to the amendment was made to include \$50,000 for architectural services. A motion was made and seconded to accept an amendment to the amendment.

Article 7 now reads: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million seven hundred thirty-four thousand, four hundred eighty-four dollars (\$3,734,484) for the support of schools, for payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 4, 5 and 6 and includes sums previously approved for salaries, and \$50,000 for architectural services. There was discussion and Article 7 passed by a voice vote.

To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Campbell
Clerk, Thornton School District

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said District on the tenth day of March, 2009 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the coming year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the coming year.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Thornton the 23rd day of February, 2009.

Melinda Johnston

Wendy Johnston

Scot Woolfenden

Barry Van DeMoere

A true copy of warrant attest:

Melinda Johnston

Wendy Johnston

Scot Woolfenden

Barry Van DeMoere

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Central School on Wednesday, the fourth (4th) day of March, 2009 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Education Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2009-2010	\$64,671
2010-2011	\$52,262
2011-2012	\$58,180

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-four thousand six hundred seventy-one dollars (\$64,671) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$142,779) to be added to the Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established to be funded by one hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$142,779) from unreserved fund balance, said sum represents debt service interest that is not required. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$125,537) to be added to the Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established to be funded by one hundred twenty-five thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$125,537) from unreserved fund balance, said sum represents unexpended budget amendment for a building addition. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million five hundred nine thousand fifty-two dollars (\$3,509,052) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, which includes the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 and includes sums previously approved for salaries. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

Melinda Johnston

Wendy Johnston

Barry Van DeMoere

Scot Woolfenden

A true copy of warrant attest:

Melinda Johnston

Wendy Johnston

Barry Van DeMoere

Scot Woolfenden

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		20,858	5,335	268,316
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		576,630	237,697	430,217

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)	3,734,484	3,240,736
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in above	268,316
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)	included in above	included in above
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,734,484	3,509,052
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	237,697	430,217
Less: Amount of Statewide Enhanced Education Tax/Grant	312,601	262,419
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	3,184,186	2,816,416

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - 2007-2008

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
Current Assets					
Cash	90,953.30	5,018.27	0.00	3,290.80	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,079.05
Assessment Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interfund Receivables	21,317.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	2,910.99	4,537.15	24,769.36	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	183.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	115,365.00	9,555.42	24,769.36	3,290.80	12,079.05
Current Liabilities					
Interfund Payables	0.00	0.00	21,317.71	0.00	0.00
Intergovernment Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payables	28,620.90	106.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contracts Payables	1,993.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	358.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	2,116.20	646.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	33,089.14	753.14	21,317.71	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity					
Res for Encumbrances	76,940.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	8,802.28	3,451.65	3,290.80	12,079.05
Unreserved Fund Balance	5,335.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	82,275.86	8,802.28	3,451.65	3,290.80	12,079.05
Total Liability & Fund Equity	115,365.00	9,555.42	24,769.36	3,290.80	12,079.05

Thornton School District
Special Education Actual Expenditures Report
per RSA 32:11-a

	Fiscal Year 2006/2007	Fiscal Year 2007/2008
Expenditures	\$508,119	\$569,097
Revenues	\$157,916	\$176,851
Net Expenditures	<u>\$350,203</u>	<u>\$392,246</u>
 \$ increase/decrease		\$42,043
% increase/decrease		12.01%

Principal's Report

It is with pleasure and pride that I can report Thornton Central School's fine reputation continues. Past and present Thornton Central School students continue to do well academically and in extra-curricular activities when compared to their peers.

Enrollment at Thornton Central School as of December 23, 2008 was 213. Grades one through four have been split to accommodate the high numbers at those grades.

New teaching professionals at Thornton Central School are Margaret Kingston – Art, Jen Wrath – Gr. 6-8 Language Arts and Reading, Danielle Morse – Guidance, and Amy Gagnon – 4th grade. Margaret Kingston and Amy Gagnon earned their Bachelors Degree from Plymouth State University and are starting their professional careers in Thornton. Mrs. Morse comes to us from Rumney School and Mrs. Wrath has spent her last seven years at Bow Middle School.

Our extra-curricular activities (school athletics, Destination Imagination, Homework Club, Mathcounts, and Musical) continue to give students opportunities to grow outside the academic environment. Last year's Destination Imagination team won its district competition and competed at the State level. The girls' basketball team was crowned Pemi-Baker League Champions.

Thornton Central School prospers because of all the hard work and effort our community puts into it. We continually have a large group of volunteers who give their time to help make our school a better place. To all those who have helped with coaching, fundraising, Winter Activities, classroom parties, PTO, DI, and chaperoning – THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Bownes
Principal

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2008-2009

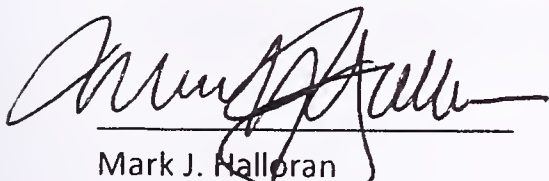
The teachers, staff and administrators in each district within SAU 48 are continuing the process of individualizing instruction so that each child has the opportunity to reach his or her maximum learning potential.

SAU #48 currently has several initiatives in place to better meet the needs of all our students. We are continuing to use curriculum mapping in all schools, K-12, to allow for collaborative, teacher-designed and planned learning that aligns to New Hampshire state standards. Teachers are also using data from various assessments to better meet the needs of individual students in their classrooms. Several SAU #48 teachers have attended the Summer Data Institute at Plymouth State University in order to become more skilled in the use of the multitude of data that we now receive on each student. In order for our NECAP scores to continue to improve in the elementary schools, teachers currently are using data from a new online assessment instrument, NWEA, which tracks progress for individual students three times a year. We have formed an SAU Teacher Leader Council that meets regularly to discuss these initiatives and take a leadership role in the schools.

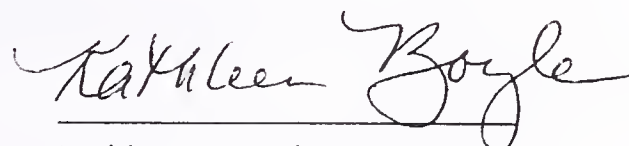
As well as the above initiatives, all of our schools are working on digital student portfolios using available technology. Also, we are in the process of automating our elementary libraries so each will be online by June of this year. Technology is constantly being upgraded in order to meet the current educational demands on our schools. All of these important changes impact student learning and positively focus on a 21st Century education for all students. Our teachers are committed to leading our efforts to face the difficult challenges of education in today's world.

As mentioned last year, all the districts of the SAU will be implementing a new student management program in September. These upgrades will allow greater parent/guardian access to student academic information, along with timely notification of school news and announcements. Business hardware and software upgrades will also take place this summer.

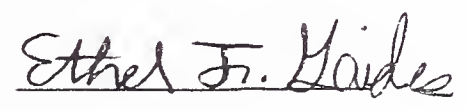
Please know that all of us in SAU #48 are aware of and effected by the economic slowdown in which we find ourselves. It is important that you understand how much we value and appreciate your support and generosity. The public's commitment to our schools and our communities is incredible and we consider ourselves fortunate to be part of it.



Mark J. Halloran
Superintendent of Schools



Kathleen A. Boyle
Assistant Superintendent



Ethel F. Gaides
Assistant Superintendent

THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

This report is being submitted for Thornton Central School for the 2008-09 school year. This is the first year the school nurse position is being shared by myself and Liz Mills, who is also a Diabetic Educator at Speare Memorial Hospital three days a week. As an employee of SMH, School Nurse staff, I also fill in at other schools in SAU#48.

Our yearly health updates have been reviewed and are all entered into our computerized health records. All immunizations are also entered into SNAP school nurse software, which facilitates tracking of compliance with state requirements for our students.

We have students who require daily medications at school, and also administer short-term medications as requested by parents. OTC medications like Tylenol, Advil, Tums are administered as needed, along with inhalers, nebulizer treatments and topical medications.

Students taking medication for ADD/ADHD are often evaluated twice a year, or more often. As part of this process, teachers complete ACTERS med evaluation forms which are sent both to parents and physicians upon request. Permission for this process is obtained by the nurse before forms are handed out to the participating staff.

There is a site on the Thornton Central School Web Page which Mrs. Mills has been updating monthly with new and relevant health-related topics. Information is also sent home with students in the weekly announcements with the help of Mrs. Campbell in the Office.

Emergency plans for all students with medical concerns which may require emergency intervention are reviewed monthly by the nurse with staff who are directly involved with these students, and quarterly with all staff during the regular meeting.

Dr Alan Rosen, of Midstate Health provides free sports physicals yearly to all fifth graders who do not have one on file with the school nurse. On Sept. 24, 2008, 18 students participated. Dr Rosen provides this service as our school physician. Free pre-sports physicals are also being provided this spring by Plymouth Pediatrics for any 8th-grader who wishes to participate in high school sports at Plymouth Regional High School next year. The nurses' role is to assist in getting parental permission, and assisting the MD with the physicals performed at the school.

Part of the nurse's role is to document and report any suspected abuse or neglect cases, working with other school staff when appropriate to benefit the students.

Together Mrs. Mills and I have prepared a budget for the 2009-2010 school year, and continue to order supplies and OTC medications throughout the school year as needed.

We also will participate in the pre-kindergarten screening in the spring for all children who plan to enter TCS in the fall of 2009. The school nurse also tracks illnesses and monitor for outbreaks of contagious diseases within the school.

This year we are continuing the Speare Memorial Dental Program in Jan / Feb 2009. Barbara Laverack, the dental hygienist who runs this program, will be screening all students for dental problems at Thornton, as well as cleaning and providing topical fluoride applications for students with parental permission at an affordable rate here at school. Weekly fluoride has been changed to fluoride varnish 2 times a year, and is provided free to the school. All third-graders were also screened by the state as part of their school health initiative.

Monthly meetings attended by all school nurses from SAU #48 are held to update policies, job descriptions, and discuss current health problems which occur throughout our SAU.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McCall, RN
School Nurse – Thornton Central School

2008 School Board Report

We are again, very pleased to write to Thornton residents to update everyone on the progress over the past year. As most are aware, in March, the voters did not pass a bond for the school addition including a new gymnasium. Money was raised from the floor for a two room addition and further engineering fees. Due to the rising building costs, there were not enough funds for the two class addition; therefore, some of the funds were utilized for a two room modular. This modular is currently housing Music and Art. It has been wonderful to have an Art Room as in previous years, Art has been on a cart due to lack of classroom space. During the spring, the Board spent one of its meetings outside with the public examining the School grounds to see the best placement for the modular classroom. Several options were presented but only one met the goals of easy access, safety, and cost of running utilities. Although parking space has been compromised, we have utilized the Shores property for overflow parking which has allowed us to develop a one way traffic pattern through the school grounds.

In January 2009, the Board voted unanimously to not pursue another Bond vote in March secondary to the tough economic times with which we are faced. We feel as though this is part of our fiduciary responsibility to the town. However, the concerns at our school that were addressed in the Educational Specifications are still very viable and growing. These include safety entering and exiting the building; safety with traffic patterns; and existing space needs. We, as a Board, firmly believe in the importance of addressing each and every one of these goals. However, 2009 is not the year to push forward. We are able to accommodate our incoming class with the two room modular that was purchased in 2008. Unfortunately, this may mean putting Art back on a cart to travel to each individual room. Looking forward, the Board has unanimously voted on a Master Plan for the addition to the school. This addition takes into consideration feedback that was provided to us through concerns with the last proposal as well as addresses all issues that were written in the Educational Specifications. This plan will be available to view at your convenience.

We are proud to say that Thornton Central School's student body continues to grow. Our number of students at the beginning of this year was 213. We currently have two classrooms for each Kindergarten through fourth grade class. The School Board is very proud and appreciative of our devoted staff for continuing to push forward providing the educational needs of Thornton children despite the environmental constraints.

As always, we as a Board will continue to move forward to ensure a safe, quality education and atmosphere for Thornton children and residents.

Sincerely,

Thornton School Board

THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

2008
Graduates

MacKenzie Rachel Adams
Dillon Tyler Bigl
Brianne Alisha Burhoe
Adrienne Leigh Campbell
David Roberts Clay
Erin Kate Cluff
Jessica Lynn Colangelo
Connor Myles Flanagan
Catherine Louise Hobart
Brittany Elizabeth Irish
Henry Ray Lewis
William F. Magee IV
Brittany Alyce McDaniel
Carly Nicole Melanson
Cody Scott Nichols
Julia Mariha O'Haire
Katie O'Hara
Eden Rene Paul
Emily Anne Zachary

**The Gavel Used to Conduct Our
TOWN MEETING**

Is Made of Wood from an Elm Tree

Planted by

MATTHEW THORNTON

Signer of the Declaration of Independence



Thornton Grange Hall on Cross Road.

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS
Town of Thornton Incorporated 1781

Website: www.thornton.nh.org

Location: Midway of the Pemigewasset Valley between Plymouth and the Franconia Notch.

Population: 2,100

Registered Voters: 1,855

Area: 32,640 acres of which 15,475 are public lands.

Altitude: From 555 to 2,610 feet.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hours:

Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Friday: Closed

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Telephone Number - 726-4232

Town Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Anyone who wishes to contact a Selectman during the day may contact the Town Office at 726-8168.

Selectmen meet Wednesdays at the Town Hall. See website for date and time.

Emergency Numbers:

Thornton Police Department -726-4222 or 911

Campton-Thornton Fire Department 1-524-1545 or 911

Transfer Station & Recycling Center – 726-7713

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Sunday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Annual Town Meeting: Second Tuesday in March with Warrant Articles on the Saturday following. The Non-Partisan Town Ballot is used.

Filing fee \$1.00. See the Town Clerk if you are a candidate for Town Office.

State Senator: Deborah R. Reynolds

U.S. Senators: Judd Gregg (District 1)

Jeanne Shaheen (District 2)

Representative in General Court: Robert F Matheson

Representatives in Congress: Paul W. Hodes